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Draconian Crime Bill to send prison numbers soaring

Jailhouse Britain

Secreon the road to overtake some of the world's most oppresive regimes for jailing offenders. His draconian Crime Bill.

which introduces minimum sentences for repeat offend-ers, will put England and Wales on a par with Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia and Thailand, Similar legislation is planned for

Mr Howard promised to build at least 12 new private

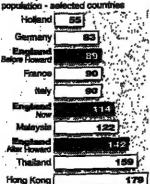
The extra 11,000 jail places will double the prison space built since 1979 to implement his radical US-style mandatory sentencing package, which he claimed amounted to the biggest change in the "fight against crime this

The 12 new private prisons, each holding 900 inmates and 50 per cent larger than their predecessors, are to be built and run at a cost of an estimated £3 billion. They come on top of the six private pris-ons already ordered by Mr Howard to cope with the surge in jail numbers. Prison governors say they are reduced to running "human

The expansion in the prison system will leave the rest of the European Union far behind in the world custody league. The prison population Thailand. in England and Wales is at a "The H

The legislation faces stiff opposition from the senior judges and from former Conservative ministers. The mandatory minimum sentences for third time drug dealers and burglars and the automatic life sentences for repeat rapists and violent offenders will be phased in as the prisons are built.

World prison league Immates per 100.000



between £375 million and £435 million per annum some 12

Mr Howard insisted yester-day it would be worthwhile: These are very radical proposals. They mark a strict departure from what has been done in the past. Apart from murder and driving offences, we have never had minimum

sentences in our law."

He said it was necessary for Parliament to override the criticisms of the senior judges to protect the public from those rapists and violent criminals who struck again after being caught and from the career burglars and drug

dealers.
Penal reformers said "the radical departure" will not only mean widespread use of American-style mandatory an American-style penal system.

They claimed that once the public taste for punishment on this scale had been fed it would be difficult for any politician to reverse. The prison population would expand to more than 75,000 with little likelihood of it falling.

"Mr Howard's plans have been imported wholesale from the United States. A tripling of the prison population in California has not made safe the streets of Los Angeles," said Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust. "A similar policy will be equally ineffective on the streets of Liverpool and

London." Professor Andrew Ruther ford, the Chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said the Home Secretary's package would mean Britain beginning to compete with the likes of Malaysia and

"The Home Office tions, even on Mr Howard's calculations, of the effects of his crime policy will be to leave Europe behind and put us on track for imprisonment rates much more typical of the authoritarian tiger economies of South-east Asia."

The Home Secretary was repeatedly challenged yesterday at a Home Office press rence about how many jails the new private prison programme would involve

and at what cost.

He said: "What is involved is building roughly the same number of prisons we have since 1979."

The Conservatives bave built 22 prisons for 11,635 inmates since they came to power. This was at odds with His white paper statement that said 12 new prisons would be required. The legislation is unclear on

the price of the 12 new It says that "it will result in



Behind bars: Home Secretary proposes 12 'super prisons' at an estimated cost of £3 billion

Sainsbury — now the supermarket you can bank on

Sarah Whitebloom

AINSBURY yesterday ratcheted up the super-markets wars and threatened to spark panic in the financial sector when it unveiled plans to become a fully fledged bank.

In partnership with the Bank of Scotland, the food retailer has applied to the Bank of England for a full nking licence and said arly next year.

cant departure for Sains-

main rival, Tesco. Earlier this year, it was ridiculing Tesco for introducing a cus tomer loyalty card, but then succumbed and brought in its own.

Tesco subsequently intro-duced a charge card with NatWest, but Sainsbury's latest plans could revolutionise the highly competitive food retailing and banking sectors.

In direct competition with the main clearing with the main clearing banks, Sainsbury will banks, Sainsbury will banks, Sainsbury will banks, Sainsbury will begin by offering a debit card, a Visa credit card and savings accounts, followed by the full range of services by the full range of services. bury in its battle to grab including current accounts, back market share from its mortgages and insurance.

appear in supermarkets, and Sainsbury has no plans to set up shop with dedicated bank branches.

The new bank will be a telephone service, along the lines of First Direct, alchines will begin appearing at the firm's stores.

The move is certain to cause concern in the banking community, where business is becoming increasingly cut-throat in the face of competition from the building societies and new entrants such as Direct Line.

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social conditions.

Bank counters will not | cial services business. | Such strong brand names, which command legions of loyal customers, are per-ceived in the City as a grow-ing threat to the banks' traditional market.

Sainsbury — which has 12 million customers — is confident that it will be a "very viable competitor to the high street banks".

David Sainsbury, chair-man, said: "Our customers tell us they want good, effi-cient and reliable banking services. In Sainsbury Bank, customers will have the re-assurance of a name they know and trust, coupled Marks & Spencer and Virgin have already lamched themselves into the finan-

Finance

Peter Burt, chief executive of the Bank of Scotland, naintained the new bank will be a "compelling alter native to the conventional high street bank or building society". The move is likely to mean more banking jobs

Sainsbury, which has been losing ground to Tesco and is expected to declare a 13 per cent decline in sixmonth profits on Wednes-day, denied its move was a copycat exercise. A spokes-woman said of Tesco's charge card: "It is not even comparable. What we're doing is not an add-on to a loyalty card. It will be a fully fledged bank."

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to succeed him.

Details in The Week

Blackburn Rovers,

Shelf life

□ John James and Mary Ann Sainsbury open the first store in 1869, a dairy in Drury Lane, central London. □ It was privately owned intil flotation in 1973. □ Now 10 million customer: visit 363 supermarkets every

week in Britain. ☐ Supermarkets employed 36,082 full-time and 79,746 part-time workers last year.

Sales last year were £10.15 billion; profits £712 million, down by £96 million.

□ The post-war Sainsbury generation has supported Conservative (Tim), Labour (John) and SDP (David).

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Hamilton tried to cash in after he was forced to quit

EIL Hamilton, the disgraced former minister, tried to raise tens of thousands of pounds from wealthy corporate clients of the lobby ist. Ian Greer, to launch his own privately-run Deregula-tion institute after he was forced to quit his government

job.
Talks were held between the tobacco giant, Philip Mor-ris, and Ian Greer Associates (IGA) to promote Mr Hamilton's institute as a means of putting pressure on the Gov-ernment and the European Commission not to accept a proposed directive to ban cig-

arette advertising.
Mr Hamilton also hoped to get money from six other top British blue-chip clients of IGA — British Airways, Thames Water, Whitbread, Asda, the courier company DHL, and Kinglisher, which owns Woolworth's and the B&Q DIY group.

Hamilton still had a close relationship with Mr Greer after he had resigned and was suing the Guardian. At the time he denied any financial links with the lobbyist. Confidential documents, to

shown tonight on the Channel 4 programme, A Week in Politics, disclose how Mr Greer used his annual House of Commons reception it the Atrium restaurant on ests. Officially, Mr Greer used the occasion to get support Rights so he and Mr Hamilton could sue the Guardian. MPs drank champange and ate fish and chips out of copies of the

ulation Institute which would, independent of Government, push for change by producing papers and holding seminars. He is looking for backers ... He already has Whitbread and Philip Morris on board - we need to get Asda interested, not least because it would direct attention away from Archie's [Archie Norman, chief executive of Asda] zealous promotion of deregulation (unhelp-ful for relations with Labour) and direct it through Neil Hamilton, MP."

However, a spokesman for Whitbread told the Guardian: 'No one at Whitbread has ever heard of a Deregulation Institute, let alone backed it." At a meeting with Philip Morris at IGA's headquarters

on November 27 last year, it was minuted that representatives of the tobacco company should meet ex-minister Francis Maude, who chaired the Government's deregula tion taskforce, and the Tory MPs Simon Coombs, Bernard Jenkin, Graham Riddick, Tom Sackville, and Neil Hamilton.

The memo also names four of the clients who should be approached about the Deregu lation Institute

Mr Greer makes it clear in the memo that his promotion of Mr Hamilton's idea is to increase IGA's fortunes "IGA approaches this from

a self-interested perspective; we need to wind up deregulation in the UK as part of our Millbank in 1995 to promote | European campaign on behalf of Philip Morris

Ministers to be lobbled in cluded Roger Freeman, the Lancaster and right-hand man to deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine, and David Davis, the Eurosceptic junior Foreign Office minister.

Mr Greer's memo says:
"Neil Hamilton has mooted | Sir Archie's Judgment, page 3



Can the new 125 bhp Audi A3 outsprint an angry rhino?

The Department of Transport's failure to acquire retirement home to make way for bypass ruled unjust. **Alex Bellos** and **Alan Watkins** on a landmark legal decision that opens way for compensation

Blight couple seeking £1m Dario Fo

N ELDERLY couple whose lives were ruined when their was rendered worth-less because of plans to build a

the path to compensation. Maurice and Audrey Balchin, whose home at Wrox-ham, Norfolk, was once valued at £435,000, said the judgment opened the way to a possible £1 million-plus damages and in-jury claim, and ended 12 years of "absolute torture".

The couple were left homeless and in poor health after Swans Harbour, the blighted house with two acres of garden, was repossessed by banks which had loaned cash to finance the legal battle. Mr Balchin's business failed, and the couple now live on in-

come support.
The house now stands empty, and the couple live in a tiny cottage at Broome, near Diss. The bypass has been

The new road was planned to run through the garden of the house next door to the Balchins. Norfolk county council bought the neighbour-ing house but it refused to purchase the Balchin's.

Yesterday Mr Justice Sed-ley ruled that the Parliamentary Ombudsman was wrong to rule that the Department of Transport had done the Balchins no injustice when it failed to prompt the council into acquiring their property. The judge said the ombuds-man failed to consider whether the department ought to have drawn Norfolk's attention to its power to acquire blighted property.



Maurice and Audrey Balchin at the High Court yesterday. They intend to claim for the damage caused to their finances and health-horograph; www.hos

"Nobody disputes that Mr static Mr Balchin, aged 61, would have been within 35 and Mrs Balchin have been said yesterday: "It has been miniocent victims of the road the light at the end of the tundoor. Once the road had been scheme," he said.

It is believed to be the first time the ombudsman has been judged to have been at fault and he will have to reconsider. If he rules that there was maladministration, it opens the door to a large

nel. For the past 12 years our lives have disappeared. I've had to sell everything to get to this stage and all the money in the world will never give us back what we've lost. I pensation to the maximum."

door. Once the road had been proposed, it rendered the house worthless. There was no chance of selling it and the loans that Mr Balchin had raised to fund it were called in. The struggle to repay the bank, coupled with huge legal fees led to the collapse of Mr Balchin's building business.

Audrey Balchin became so ithat the council should act ill that the couple moved out sympathetically towards them on medical advice. The couple The complaint to the applied to the High Court for a judicial review of the Ombuds man's ruling that there was no maladministration on the part of the then Transport Secre-tary, John MacGregor. He confirmed the road scheme without acting on a DoT inspector's recommendation

surance that the couple would be adequately compensated for the blight. The Department of Transport said in a statement: "We

sympathetically towards them. The complaint to the

ombudsman argued that Mr

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Stroke blinds

dramatist, Dario Fo, has been left partially blind by erview published yesterday. The actor and playwright sald that for several months he had also had serious prob-lems with his speech and

in July 1995, Mr Fo sud-denly called off a tour of Europe. At the time, he was reported to have suffered a ninor heart attack. But in an interview with L

Stamps newspaper, he dis-closed that his heart rate had accelerated, and that complications had developed. His vision was reduced by 90 per cent, huge gaps opened up in his memory and he egan to forget even common

'My problems originated on the vertical dividing line lobes, with a small lesion on one side and a sort of blurring on the other," he was quoted

of one of his own plays — was that the scientific name or dictionary definition of something would come to his mind more readily than the ordi-

He once referred to a cod as "fast-swimming fish of the Baltic".

The author of Accidental Death of an Anarchist and Can't Pay, Won't Pay said the treatment he was receiving required him to walk for sevral hours a day. "My doctor has told me that

Italy, a hero of the radical left my recovery will be proportionate to the number of kilowho was once arrested for netres I cover.'



Dario Fo: hero of radical left now forgets common words

Mr Fo, aged 70, said his memory had improved and his speech recovered, but he still suffered heart palpita-tions and difficulties with his

ight He saw "cross sections rather than the total vision". It has not prevented him from working His first public appearance after his illness was in April when he per-formed his most famous solo piece, Mistero Buffo, in

Since then, he has held a drama course in Denmark, helped stage exhibitions in Italy and the Netherlands, dubbed the soundtrack of an animated cartoon and appeared at several festivals. The politically committed Mr Fo is credited with being the world's most widely performed living playwright. He was a key figure in post-1968

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Around the world

European weather outlook

Both Norway and Denmark will have a long spell ty fine and bright with early tog and trosty periods in Finland clearing, although western Sweden will have rain towards evening. Temperatures will rang from 8C in the east to 14C in southern most Denmark

Denmark
Low Countries, Germany, Ametria,
Switzerlands
Sunny spells and just the odd shower in most
places today, although Germany will have rather a
lot of cloud and very limited bright spells, while
low-lying parts of Austria will have some troublesome tog early and late. Max temp 11-17C from
east to west.
France:

High pressure will keep most places dry with early pockets of log clearing to allow some decent sunny spells to break through, although Alpine areas could have a rogue shower. Max temp 13-21C from north to south.

Spain and Portngal:

Mostly dry and warm with broken cloud and sun-A weak cold trust may bring some showers to the far north, but most places will be dry with banks of

Another rather cool day with a mix of sunny apells and scattered sharp showers; the showers most likely over the northern toothills and on the

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Sir Archie's question of judgment



TANGLED WEB

Lucrative interests of who decides fate of MP

David Hencks

S SIR Archibald Hamilton judges the merits of his disgraced namesake's role in the cash for questions scandal, three of the aristocratic MP's consultancies will be paying him £9,500 this year to obtain, among other services, exclusive access to MPs' dining rooms in the House of they do not want Sir Archie to they do not want Sir Archie to they do not want Sir Archie to Commons.

The payments are part of a lucrative income — from the tiger economies of South east Asia to security and defence industries at home and abroad — which ensure the scion of a third baron has combined parliamentary and outside earnings well in excess of £120,000 a year. While Neil Hamilton is fac-

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ing a sleaze inquiry for unde-clared payments, trips and cash backhanders from Mohamed Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, for asking questions, Sir Archie's case shows how money can be legiting and design conglomerate the media.

mately earned by an ex-minis-ter who still wields influence in Parliament despite Lord

Noian's clean-up.
The careful wording of letters from company directors to the Eton and Guards educated MP show the sums companies are prepared to pay for dining in a wood-panelled room which bears the prestiguous portcullis of the House

engage in advocacy, table par liamentary questions or mo-tions, they are keen for him to have a quiet word in the right place.
"There may be occasions in

the future when we could ask you to use your influence with Government to ensure that ministers are aware of how legislation affects the dairy industry. We would also like to make use of the dining facilities at the House of Com-mons," writes Woodgate Farms Dairy in Sussex, who are paying him £1,000 a year.
W.S. Atkins, the engineer.

tracts, pay him £6,500 to help them lobby ministers and entertain them in House of Commons dining rooms. "We look to you for help and assistance in methods of approaching ministers for the purposes of discussing policy in areas such as the Private Finance Initiative ... We may, from time to time, ask you to facili-tate the use of dining rooms in the House of Commons

says the company.

Another £2,000 a year has secured the former defence procurement minister's services for Saladin Holdings, a security firm run by ex SAS major David Walker hired by Oliver North to carry out "certain special operations". These included blowing up a Managua arms dump in 1985 and providing helicopter pi-lots to support the Contras against the Sandinista gov-ernment. Through Sir Archie the firm now wants access to

tive has not only strength-ened his consultancy work for W S Atkins but brought in a £12,000 a year consultancy with Merrill Lynch Europe Ltd. international investment bankers, who want to finance some deals, which include leasing back the Treasury buildingand selling the entire social security office estate.
The "tiger economies" of South East Asia bring three directorships: Siam Selective Growth Trust: First Philip-

pine Investment Trust and Philippines Securities. To complete the picture Sir Archie has a £45,000 consul-tancy to Litton Industries Inc. a United States defence manufacturer, and over the summer has added a £10,000 directorship to Leafield Engineering Ltd, an expanding Wiltshire company specialising in electronic, mechanical and explosive engineering.

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Surrey seat of Epsom and Ewell. Since 1979 he has been a parliamentary private sec-retary to Lady Thatcher, a whip at the time Neil Hamil-ton asked his first questions Mohamed-al-Fayed through lobbyist Ian Greer, and a defence minister from

His right wing campaigning creditionals include attacks on Arts Council spending; defending a big salary for lan MacGregor, the man who oversaw the closure of many coal mines; opposing the tele-vising of Parliament and demanding the privatisation of British Leyland in 1981.

He told three crippled Gren-adler Guardsmen who had their legs blown off in an exercise and were refused army compensation to "find a job where they don't actually

gone missing or been stolen from the MoD's art collection. He later ran into contro-

versy when a company he formed — now dormant called Crownridge Industries made a bid for army training ground in West Wales that he had closed as a minister. His connection with Sala-

vided bodyguards for King Fahd of Saudi Arabia the Aga Khan and other wealthy for eign clients, caused embar rassment when it was found to be trying to take over the security services of the For-eign office. Sir Archie said he had "helped them out." Despite these incidents and

his strong views that MPs should not have to disclose their earnings from consul-tancies which Lord Nolan's report demanded, he has not breached any rules.

That is why he is regarded

ex-ministers: "If Mr

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cally not have got it.
The arguments in favour On the difficulties of get back into Government it would be bet-"undisputed integrity". On the face of it, appoint

to win the confidence

How veteran 'emerged' as Tory choice to sit

Ewen MacAskili, Chief Political Correspondent

on committee

SIR Archibald Hamilton was approached earlier this week by the Tory whips office and asked if he was interested in sitting on leges committee. The office, one of the most secretive institutions in politics, has the power of patronage over such jobs, as does its Labour counterpart.
The task of finding a

replacement for Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith rested with the deputy whip, Andrew Mackay. The post was not advertised internally. Tory whips do not op-erate like that. In a tradi-tion that owes something to public schools and private clubs. Anyone who applied for the job would automati-

of Sir Archie would have been that he is a senior backbencher, a privy counsellor, former minister and former parliamentary private secre-tary to Lady Thatcher. A Conservative source described him as an MP of

ing someone who had been so prominent in his public defence of Neil Hamilton looks like political inepti-tude. But the Conservative Party yesterday appeared relaxed about it. One argu-

outspoken in favour of Mr Hamilton at the time in response to Labour attacks. This committee is not a

jury," another source added. "Politicians are not like members of the public. You can't expect them to have remained silent. Labour is not complaining. They have approved it."
Why did Labour not

nity. The whips office puts the name forward in a motion that goes to the floor of the Commons. If Labour had objected then, it would have forced a debate and a vote. With no objections, the motion was approved. Would-be Conservative appointments to select comof objections in recent

years, but the Tory majority has mostly ensured such objections were overruled. Some Labour MPs consid-

ered blocking Sir Archie but in the end, no specific complaint could be laid against him. Although he had backed

Neil Hamilton more than a year ago, his comments had been directed primarily against trial by the media. Although Sir Archie has many outside interests, Labour had no reason to believe he had not disclosed them all in the register of member's interests.

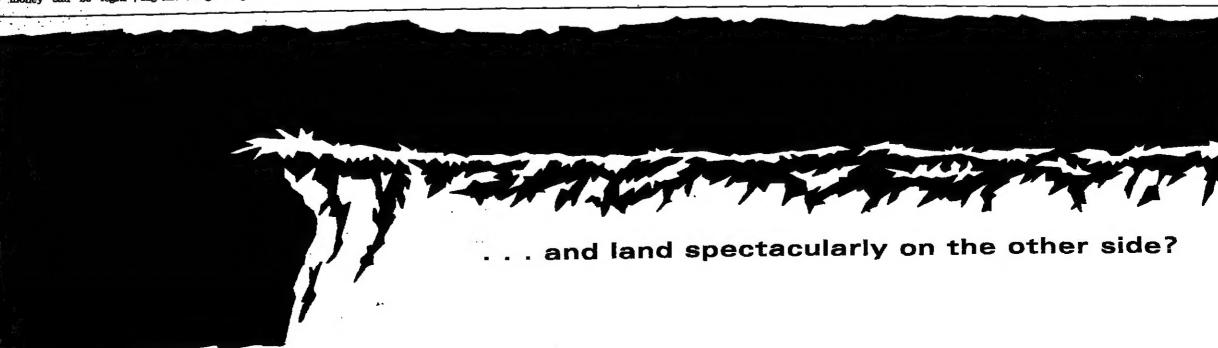
Labour felt this was not enough to go into battle against a privy counsellor. It would have brought open warfare, with all such appointments, including Labour ones, put on hold. The selection of Labour's choice of member to replace Doug Hoyle [linked to the cash for questions affair] was relatively simple. There were several contendrelaxed about it. One argu-ment put forward was that lots of Tory MPs had been Ross, MP for Dundee West.

Man of influence at Westminster

"I thought it very regrettable that Neil Hamilton was forced to resign. It would have been much better if he stayed in there because we're coming under a tremendous amount of slur and innuendo by partisan members of the media.'

To three crippled Grenadier Guardsmen whose legs were blown off in an exercise and were refused army compensation: "They could do a number of jobs in offices and so forth where they don't actually need legs." June 20 1991

When opposing Nolan's reforms in the Commons: "It must be a good thing to get professional middle class people into this House. If they have got to do this on a salary of £32,000 a year, to be quite honest they are not going to come." May 18, 1995



Trio cleared of fraud over mortgages

Glare Dyer Legal Corres

HREE people convicted of frauds or at-tempted frauds total ling more than £1 million had their convictions quashed yesterday as a result of what the Court of Appeal described as a "glaring anomaly" in the criminal law.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham, urged the Government to act swiftly to plug the loophole, exposed by the House of Lords in a mort-

gage fraud case last July.

The judgment, quashing three convictions and substituting a different offence in the other four cases, will serve as a guide for up to 400 pending cases.

The law lords ruled in July

that charges for obtaining property belonging to another by deception — the usual charge for mortgage or cheque fraud - were wrongly brought because no identifiable property changes hands when money is transferred electronically, by telegraphic transfer or by cheque. The ruling has left prosecutors at a loss to know what charges to bring in such cases.

The Home Office said yes-terday that it would back a Law Commission bill to plug the gap — in existence since the 1968 Theft Act. The bill was introduced in the House of Lords this week by Lord

law lords who decided the mortgage fraud case in July. The appeal court heard seven test cases yesterday. Lord Bingham, Mr Justice Blofeld and Mr Justice Cresswell quashed the convictions of Hemamali Graham, a solic-

itor from Streatham, south London, for attempted mortgage fraud; Rupe Lal Kansal, a disposable nappy manufac-turer from Corby, Northamptonshire, for dishonestly obtonshire, for dishonestly ob-taining regional development grants from the Department of Trade and Industry; and Sajid Pasha All, a former company director, for attempting to steal a credit of £1

Prosecutors had asked the court to substitute convictions for related offences. But Lord Bingham said this could only be done if the jury was satisfied of facts which proved the defendant guilty of that other offence. There was no basis for sub-

million from NatWest Bank.

stituting an alternative verdict in the case of Mrs Graham, Mr Kansal or Mr Ali. The court also heard ap-peals on behalf of four car dealers convicted of dishon-estly obtaining cheques from

finance or insurance firms. Terence Marsh, Garry Gra-ham, Paul Price and David Bramich were found guilty of the alternative offence of procuring the execution of a valuable security — a cheque



Wandering star . . . Exiled writer Wole Soyinka attempted to purge the death of Ken Saro-Wiwa from his psyche in a poem to feature at Poetry International micrograph MARTIN GOOMIN

Exiled Nigerian Nobel laureate honours executed compatriot 'fighter' with new poem

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ALMOST a year after the execution of the Nige-rian writer and activist Ken Saro-Wiwa, his compatriot Wole Soyinka, winner of the 1986 Nobel prize for literature, arrived in Brit-

Mr Soyinka will read Calling Josef Brodsky as part of the Poetry International at the Royal Festival Hall, London, tomorrow night. "Both Brodsky and Saro-

Wiwa are a similar breed. Brodsky was a dissident and a fighter in his own way, and his death made

the tragedy of Ken Saro-Wiwa's death from my psy-che. It was easier to tackle through the death of Josef Brodsky."

Mr Saro-Wiwa was executed on November 10. recommended a time limit of two years for the transi-

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exile, shuttles between countries, highlighting Nigeria's plight. He said: "I don't feel danger. I know it When I remind myself of those in internal exile. I know my lot is better than

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News in brief

Medical trials halted over dose error

INDEPENDENT health experts are to investigate a prescrip-tion error which has halted the international trials of a new method of treating babies starved of oxygen at birth. Medical and university authorities stepped in after doctors monitoring the experiment in Britain discovered that experimental dosages were double the correct level.

Families involved in the scheme, designed to test the effec-

tiveness of magnesium sulphate on bebies suffering from birth asphyxia, are being offered advice and counselling while the investigation and a medical review of whether to resume testing takes place.

The study has tested babies in Europe, South Africa and Hong Kong under the supervision of senior staff at Leeds University. Work was stopped after two babies in Sweden and Finland suffered heart and breathing complications and analysis revealed the mistaken dosage. An independent panel of experts has been appointed by the

NHS Executive, the Medical Research Council and the university to investigate the error. — Martin Wainwright

£100m cocaine seizure

SEVEN Englishmen and a Colombian yesterday appeared before a Dutch investigating judge following the seizure of £100 million worth of cocaine. Two more Britons and a Russian also face further police questioning. The Dutch judge will rule on Monday whether to agree an application to keep the eight men in custody.

Police believe the drugs haul was destined for the North-west. It had been concealed in a container from Venezuela docked at Rotterdam and at several houses around the Netherlands. A total of 343 kilos of cocaine were seized. Police also raided 20 addresses on Merseyside and elsewhere in the North-west and recovered cash and a firearm in an operation linked to the drugs seizure.

X-rated e-mail banned

LEWD comments sent by e-mail can be construed as sexual harassment in Britain's first clampdown by a local authority. Somerset county council yesterday became the first to include offensive remarks through the e-mail system as sexual harass ment. The council is aiming to prevent lewd comments, sexual or offensive remarks and even attempts to make social arrangements from being transmitted via the council's e-mail system. Many other local authorities are planning to bring in similar

Lottery jackpot hits €22m

THE rollover jackpot for tonight's National Lottery draw has been estimated at £22 million. It is the 18th rollover since the lottery began nearly two years ago and the first since July, when 12 ticket holders shared a jackpot of £21.1 million. Camelot, the lottery's operator, said a rollover normally raised an additional £2.63 million for the good causes with an anticipated 20 per cent increase in ticket sales. The 17 rollovers so far have produced a total of 203 jackpot winning tickets. — Andrew Culf

Put back the clocks

BRITISH summer time may have appeared to have ended some time ago but the official end is at 2am tomorrow when clocks should be put back one hour.

Mother fears death by stoning if forced to return to Pakistan

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

ATTERED wife from Pakistan, who fears being stoned to death if forced to return, won a High Court decision yesterday which could pave the way for more women in her position

to claim asylum in the UK.
Mr Justice Sedley ruled that wives rejected by their husbands for alleged adultery in such circumstances were a 'social group" entitled to protection in this country under the 1951 UN refugees

Few cases based on persecution within a social group have reached the courts in Britain, although judges in case raised "an undoubtedly The adjudicator had been too soon to say whether the the US, Canada, New Zealand difficult question" and that brought in after the Home Government would appeal.

and Australia have used this provision of the convention to

protect refugees.
David Burgess, a solicitor specialising in immigration law, said the provision had not been used before by judges in Britain to protect women, although they were a persecuted group in many countries.

Nicholas Blake QC, an im-migration law expert, said: This ruling does enable a woman who can identify a particular risk by a particu-lar regime related to her gender to claim protection." An example, successfully argued

number of asylum seekers in Britain, the judge said the system was already "groaning under other burdens", such as bogus claimants and the "previously unimagined volume" of applicants. That called for "scrupulous attention" to every claim, but it could not "redefine the meaning of the convention".

He allowed an application by Syeda Shah, of Canning Town, east London, for her

case to be considered by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal. In August last year the tri-bunal refused the request after a special adjudicator ruled that, although she had already been persecuted by her husband and there was "a reasonable expectation" she courts, was the policy of back to him, she was not part forced sterilisation in China. of a social group entitled to Acknowledging that the asylum under the convention.

his decision could add to the | Secretary refused her claim

for asylum. Quashing the appeal tribunal's decision and ordering it to hear Mrs Shah's case, Mr Justice Sedley described how she had been brought up partly in Britain but when she was 17 returned to her homeland to marry. She had six children -- now

family — but she was driven out of her Pakistani home 'after years of violence". When she arrived back in the UK she found she was

pregnant.
The judge said Mrs Shah
"credibly feared" that if she
returned to her husband's house she would be accused of conceiving the child adul-terously. She would be exlaws, which prescribed ston-ing to death for adultary. The Home Office said it was

Adopted Nepali's last plea to stay

Kamal Ahmed

Nepalese adopted by a British mil-lionaire after a unique pact made in the Himalayas made a final plea to stay in Britain yesterday, the last stage in a four-year deportation battle.

Jay Khadka, aged 20, is challenging the Home Secre-tary's decision to deny him exceptional leave to remain in the country.

Mr Khadka, who arrived in

Britain at the age of 14, said in the High Court in London that his life would be "torn apart" if he had to leave the community built up by his adoptive father, Richard

bond with Mr Morley and other members of the "family" at Mr Morley's castle in Gloucestershire made his case unique.

After the two-hour hearing

before Mr Justice Laws, who reserved judgment Mr Morley said he would rather live in exile than lose touch with Mr Khadka. He said his family had already made inquiries about moving the com-munity abroad and that they would renounce their British citizenship if Mr Khadka were forced to leave.

Mr Morley added: "We will not abandon our son to unhappiness." | community Mr Morley has Mr Morley returned to built up at Clearwell Castle,

Morley had made a pact to look after Mr Khadka should anything happen to Basu, a Nepalese policeman who had saved Mr Morley's life in 1984. Basu had spent three days searching for help when he found Mr Morley sick and exhausted during a trek

through the Himalayas. Neil Garnham, for the Home Office, said once the exceptional elements of the case were stripped away it was little different from other case where the Home Secretary had decided on deportation. Papers lodged with the

court reveal more about the

The court heard that the Nepal in 1990 to find Mr the home Mr Khadka is set to circumstances of Mr Khad-Khadka after hearing that his inherit. In an affidavit, Mr ka's arrival and his close father, Basu, had died. Mr Khadka said he had signed a lifelong contract with the community. "I am now eter-nally bound." he said.

The contract means he can-not marry outside the community.

The Immigration Appeals Tribunal, which described Mr Khadka as a "youth of excep-tional promise", has recom-mended he be allowed to stay. The decision by the Secretary of State to fall to accede to the decision of the tribunal s unreasonable, so unreason able as to be perverse," said Kobina Hammond, represent-

ing Mr Khadka.

Mr Justice Laws is expected to deliver bis judgment next week.

Cash found to lift hospital ban on treating patients over 75

Medical Corre

ity and social services came up with extra money, it was announced yesterday.

lifted within three weeks, that it could no longer accept alty department.

after the local health author- | emergency admissions of patients over 75 because they took longer to recover and were blocking beds. These pa-THE ban on treating patients aged over 75 at a GPs in the north of its catching Mount Vernon hospital west London hospital may be ment area early this month which has no full-scale casu-

Yesterday Hillingdon health authority said it had found £90,000 from reserves for an extra 80 beds in local nursing homes for the rest of this financial year. Social services would also make a contribution.



And how will the Audi A3's sports suspension cope with the odd falling piano?

Socialist fortunes slump in Sofia

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children show their enthusiasm for Petar Stoyanov, the opposition presidential candidate, at a rally yesterday in the suburbs of the capital, Sofia

erning Socialists face a stinging defeat in tomorrow's tion after two years of eco-nomic decline, bread shortaces and financial scandals. Opinion polls are famously unreliable in Eastern Europe but they have become in-creasingly emphatic. The last polls before the election sugested the Bulgarian Socialist gested the Bulgarian Socialist
Party (BSP) candidate, Ivan
Marazov, was between 11 and
20 percentage points behind
his pro-reform opponent, Petar Stoyanov, of the Union of

Democratic Forces (UDF).

The polls showed Mr Marazov, the minister of culture, faced a struggle even to reach the run-off which is due on November 3 If, as expected, no candidate wins an outright majority tomorrow.

A third contender, George Ganchev — regarded until recently as a joke candidate appears to be winning suppport from impoverished Bulgarians, with one poll showing him four points ahead of Mr Marazov. Mr Ganchev, who spent much of the communist period running unspecified business ventures in the United States and Britain, says he will break off relations with Nato, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The polls reflect Bulgaria's

continuing economic disaster, which has worsened since the Socialists won parliamentary elections in December

Output is expected to shrink by 8 per cent this year, while prices are up more than 40 per cent. Krassen Stanchev, an economist at the Institute for Market Economics | tions of impropriety.

said: "Hyper-inflation is just around the corner."

A UDF victory would, how-ever, be unlikely to produce any immediate policy rever-sals because the president has virtually no powers. The out-going incumbent, Zhelyu Zheev. is a veteran campaigner for political and economic reform, but has had no appre-

ciable impact.

A heavy defeat for the Socialists would trigger demands for new parliamentary elections and deepen rifts within the party. It is already divided and nervous in the wake of the assassination on October 2 of Andrei Lukanov, a former prime minister and democratic wing.

Lukanov's killers have not been found, but his allies within the party suspect a group of businessmen with links to the prime minister. Zhan Videnov. The business circle, known as the Orion group, has been implicated in a series of financial scandals.

Senior BSP figures want a new party congress, an im-plied call for a change of lead-ership. Even Mr Marazov has tried to distance himself from the party. 'I never held high position in the party, so I feel independent," he said this week. "I would distance my-self from anyone if national interests demanded it."

Bulgarian political observers are apprehensive that may be tempted to rig or spoil the elections. Independent mathematicians who have conducted the count since 1991 have been sidelined this time, and replaced by a state-run company called Informaresponsible for the first post-communist elections in 1990. which were tainted by allega-

Italian court denies Jews war compensation

John Hooper in Rome

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EWISH groups in Italy ware outraged yester-day when Indges ruled that Jews persecuted during the second world war were not generally entitled

to compensation. Tullia Zevi, president of the association which rep-

was "either an error in the ment, interpretation and application of the law, or an intention of the law, or an int tionally restrictive inter-pretation that constitutes an affront to Italian

The case was brought by a group of about 30 Jews, most of whom were chil-dren when Benito Mussolini in 1938 enacted laws resents Italy's Jewish combanning Jews from state of all members of the public munities, said the ruling schools and public employ of the Jewish race".

ment, and curbing their marriage and property rights. Almost 8,000 of the 50,000 Jews in Italy were deported to death camps.

The plaintiffs sought a monthly payment of 600,000 lire (2260). But the judges ruled that granting their petition could "lead to a generalised recognition of the right to compensation

The court said the law of-fered compensation only to those who had been arrested, jailed or made to do forced labour because of their political convictions; those who had been sen-tenced to more than a year in prison for taking part in anti-fascist demonstrations; and those who could show they had suffered for their part in the anti-fascist struggle outside Italy.

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DAVID HEARST watches Moscow's house of cards teeter

Kremlin warned of army mutiny

USSIA'S defence minis- | recorded from his sanato- | armed forces as an integral | that the economy was close to ter, General Igor Rodionov, warned yesterday that the army was on the verge of mutiny over unpaid wages and what he scribed as "appalling social conditions".

The normally circumspect minister threw caution to the wind and said that the shortage of funds was taking the armed forces "to the brink of undesirable and even uncontrollable events". This is the first time that a member of Russia's general staff has said that they could lose control of

their men. Last week, a letter was published in a newspaper in which unnamed officers their wages were not paid. Most of the 1.5 million strong army have still not received their wages for the month of

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rium: "I want to remind the politicians: Russia has made

Mr Yeltsin's carefully

the dismissed security chief, has stayed out of the political

its choice for the next four years ... there have been enough struggles for influ-ence, fights for jobs, criticism and electioneering. It is time

rebearsed comments were dethat he would return to take up the reins of power.

But this remains more in

doubt than ever, and while uncertainty remains, the Kremlin's authority will continue to haemorrhage. General Alexander Lebed

fray this week. But Gen Rodionov's statement yesterday reinforced Gen Lebed's previous warnings about the dan-gerous state of army morale.

Gen Rodionov told a meet-

and active state structure. with all the consequence which would follow that." He said the draft budget, rejected by parliament earlier this week, would meet only one-third of the armed forces minimum needs, The warning of a mutiny

came hard on the heels of ansigned to give the impression other blow to the government crucial \$340 million (£214 million) loan payment, the September instalment of a three-year \$10 billion loan. The IMF team left Moscov after 10 days expressing dis-

> government's attempts to The signal from the IMF will make it harder for Russia

satisfaction with the Russian

to launch a \$1 billion Eurobond international borrowing

crashing. "They say a month, a week. three days remain until a large-scale disaster," Mr Chubais said. "This is a forecast for all times and

apparently some forces' instrument of attaining their own political goals." Mr Chubais promised that the measures to recover tax that his absence from the when the International Mone-Kremlin was temporary, and tary Fund decided to delay a last week would work. "The situation will be dramatically changed. No financial disaster will befall the country."

> However, Russia's finance minister, Alexander Livshits, told parliament this week that the budget was under

'exireme stress". Mr Livshits said that over the first nine months of the year federal revenues were just 71 per cent of targets. forcing huge spending cuts. Tax revenues over that period met only 65 per cent of targets, leaving the government 71 trillion roubles (£8 billion)

Dual regency exercises power behind Russia's wobbly throne

ANATOLY CHUBAIS has always evoked extreme reactions. To some, he is the quick-witted saylour of Russia's transformation to a market economy. To others, he is the biggest plunderer of state assets since Genghis Khan.

As head of the presidential administration, the 40-year-old economist directs an organisation the size of the former Communist Party Central Committee. It acts a a parallel government.

If Boris Yeltsin's exbodyguard, Lieutenaut-General Alexander Korzhakov, is to be believed, Mr Chubais not only drafts the decrees for the president to sign, but dominates cabinet

meetings. Mr Chubais first became a player on the political scene in 1991, when he was appointed chairman of the main privatisation But his career as a

privatiser went into decline after a series of scandals. In January this year he was dismissed by Mr Yeltsin as first deputy prime



minister after the disastrous performance of the government party Our Home is Russia.

Tatyana Dyachenko, the team and so established a link with Mr Yeltsin. Mr Chubais introduced

high finance, modern media techniques and advisers into Mr Yelstin's re-election campaign — and was rewarded with the top job.



Mr Chubais then hit on a masterstroke. He involved president's daughter, in his



politics very recently, but she got a taste for it." Ms Dyachenko has given few interviews and has only once represented her father. Her influence is a back-room one.

When two of Anatoly Chubais's campaigners were arrested in the White House trying to carry out \$530,000 in cash, Mr Chubais called Tatyana to alert Mr Yeltsin. Mr Chubais alleged the

security forces, under the influence of Lieutenanteneral Alexander Korzbakov, the president's former security chief, were staging a "coup". Whatever the truth, Mr Chubais won and Gen Korzhakov lost.



manipulates the president's daughter, and that his appointment as head of the presidential administration was due to her influence. Both have placed their sons in the same expensive public school in Somerset.

A 36-year-old computer engineer once dismissed as a lightweight by Mr Yeltsin's inner circle, Tatyana now finds herself in the position of being the preside political adviser.

One in 10 **US adults** not know that Bill Clinton is the Democratic nominee.

Jonathan Freedland The Week p13

USE WILL POWER TO CHEAT DEATH We do, Kidney research to lives. So do legacies.



Jenny Norton in Tashkent finds Uzbeks taking pride in a relaunched and repackaged national hero Tibet faces

Flags out for new Tamburlaine atheist



lord Tamburlaine renaissance man bekistan with flag-festoqued celebrations of the 660th anniversary of the warrior's birth.

Better known in the West as the man who conquered huge tracts of land from Europe to India, leaving piles of skulls to prove it. Tamburlaine is undergoing a big revival in the former Soviet republic, under the My strength is in

Almost everyone has months of preparation for the celebrations. No political speech or wedding toast has been complete without (Prince) Timur. Schoolchildren have been doing special projects on him and even the Uzbek Women's Committee held a conference recently to study his "progressive" attitude —

The Tashkent skyline has been transformed by a huge blue-domed Timur museum put up in record time, and the capital is emblazoned with portraits and quotes from Tamburlaine's works. Even the upmarket Maridien Hotel displays a discreet banner reading "Amir Timur 1336 to 1996".

At a summit bringing together the leaders of neighbouring Turkicbled presidents, including Suleyman Demirel of Turkey, indulged in a little nos-talgia for the golden road to Samarkand. There was talk irituality of the Turkic-

THE repackaging of laine was portrayed as an the medieval war enlightened prince presiding over a glorious Turkic

empire. At a conference spon sored by Unesco (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation), academics and politi-cians discussed

world history. The distinguished Central Asian writer Chingiz Aitmatov called him a "Turkic The message is that after

hundreds of years of being a backwater under Russian most populous country in Central Asia - wants to find its own place on the world stage and economy, with its own post-commu-

have also shown that Uzbekistan is not quite free of the Soviet-era propensity to

No mention has been made of the darker side of the fact that he destroyed cities as well as building suggest that it would have been more appropriate to versary. A perusal of chilicre of thousands of men, women and children during

Uzbek politicians and teachers argue that they are simply redressing the balance after distortions of Tamburlaine's image under Soviet rule. Ordinary people, proud to have a new local hero, are ready to believe that the bloodthirsty. speaking people". Tambur- Soviet times was false.



stuff we learnt in school was tal suppression of part of completely wrong," said Ku-

been overlooked. In the en- an Uzbek national hero al- As a new nation, Uzbeki- story of its past.

"We weren't told the truth I thusiasm for the panabout Timur before. He was a peaceful man and all that to talk about Timur's bruirat, a driver.

It is not just Tambur- of his ethnic identity. Tam-

Turkic-Mongol stock. The Uzbeks were a Central Asia later. They routed Tamburlaine's de-

feeling that this vast and potentially prosperous country could make a

Cattle breeders blocked roads, airports and rail links in cen-tral France yesterday demanding government aid to ment officials said. - Reuter

crusade

a fierce campaign to teach atheism to Tibetan Buddhists while rejecting the Dalai La-ma's latest offer of negotia-tions as a "plot against the motherland".

Education in atheism, the official Tibet Daily newsneeded so that Tibetans can "break free of the bewitchment [of religion] ... and expose the Dalai's tricks".

The campaign is in bizarre contrast to a "religious fever" elsewhere in China which has won many converts, includ-ing Communist Party members, to Buddhism and Christianity.

Beijing insists that the Dalai is seeking independence from China. But speak-ing on Thursday to the Euro-pean Parliament in pean Parliament in Strasbourg, he again pro-posed an agenda for talks which would exclude

independence. Reiterating his "middle way approach" (which upsets more radical Tibetan campaigners abroad), he said his goal was genuine self-govern-

He even suggested that Tibetans "could benefit from joining the 1 billion Chines of their own free will".

The Dalai also pointed out that the Chinese democracy

movement, which previously ignored Tibet, is beginning to support Tibetan demands.

European Parliament's award of the 1996 Sakharov prize to tence for political protest, has argued that Tibetans should have the right to selfdetermination.

On Thursday a Chinese forfor "injuring the feelings of

In another sign of a tightening up in Lhasa, China has formally charged Ngawang Choephel, a Tibetan Fulpeared while travelling in

York organisation Human Rights in China, is an ethnomusicologist who went to sensitive intelligence".

down has got under way. Communist Party documents for struggle against the "class enemies" — a Maoist concept

The Chinese dissident Wang Dan, a student leader in Tiancapital charge of plotting to ber. Mr Wang has been de

News in brief

Hurricane hits Cuba hospitals

Cuba has reported that its health services have been severely hit by Hurricane Lili which swept across the country last week, the United Nations said yesterday.

Relaying an appeal for in-ternational assistance, the UN said 21 hospitals and damaged, and the water supply throughout the country

'Mad cow' protest

cow disease, police and unions said - Reuter.

rested in Germany for ille-gally selling contaminated sludge as fuel following raids

A policeman who belonged to accused of last year's Tokyo underground attack has confessed to shooting Japan's

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An elderly Rwandan woman, her feet bleeding from three days of walking, joins thousands fleeing refugee camps in Zaire

UN urges Hutu refugees in Zaire to flee to Rwanda

Tutsi rebels warn of wider conflict ahead

Chris McGreal in Kigali

Tutsi rebels, who have seized large parts of the country's east, yesterday de-manded the resignation of the alling president, Mobutu Sese Seko, and warned of similar uprisings across the country unless the government is pre-

Nations refugee agency, ap-pealed to more than 1 million Rwandan Hutu refugees to return home to escape a wid-ening conflict in eastern Zaire between Tutsis and the army, which the UN says has sent from some camps and cut food supplies to the others.

"Because of your current ordeal, I am sure you will con-sider where you will be safer - in Rwanda or Zaire, Mrs

That is a decision for you to make. However, I am sincerely asking you to remember that refugees have recently returned to Rwanda

they are now resuming busy lives," she said on radio. But there was no sign that people who have stubbornly resisted returning.

near the town of Uvira, on Zaire's border with Burundi. edly overnight but it was not clear if Banyamulenge rebels had taken the town. The Zairpared to negotiate.
Sadako Ogata, the head of the UNHCR, the United the regional capital, Bukavu. ean Tutsis advanced closer to A Banyamulenge spokes-man in Rwanda, Muller Ru-

himbika, said the rebels in-tended to take Bukavu and demand talks with the gov-ernment. Among the rebel conditions, he said, would be the resignation of Mr Mo-butu, who is being treated in Switzerland for prostate can-cer, and the dismissal of local officials blamed for creating the crisis by colluding with Rwandan Hutu extremists to kill Zairean Tutsis.

"Our objective is to take the whole of Kivu. We are taking this land because we have to protect our wives and chilrecently returned to Rwanda from Burundi [and] human who want to kill us with the rights observers report that

the authorities. We have dego. We want the [provincial] governor to go. Otherwise I think other people will join the insurrection in other parts of the country," he said. Mr Ruhimbika said the rebels control an area about 200 miles long and up to 100

dian and Rwandan borders. Burundian Hutu refugees have fled camps in the face of a rapid advance by the Banyamulenge towards Bukavu. The UN World Food Programme says its has enough supplies to feed for three days those refugees already in Bukavu, but not the large num-ber of new arrivals.

thousands of refugees are considering fleeing their camps near Goma, fearing Tutsi rebels are preparing a renewed assault after taking everal areas within striking distance. Aid routes to Goma

distance. And routes to Goma are already cut. Even if the Rwandan Hutus do flee their camps, it is likely they will bead deeper into

Magic soldiers of Sierra Leone are transformed

Claudia McElroy reports from Bo on the hunters who fight rebels with mirrors

N their colourful tunics and talismans, shells and mirrors, primitive rifles and machetes slung over their shoulders, Kamajor hunters may appear more akin to Robin Hood's merry men than to a feared and respected

Yet since the outbreak of the hunters flesh." civil war in Sierra Leone five

claim to have ancient magical powers which have been more successful against the rebels of the Revolutionary United Front than the military tactics of the army.

"We undergo a special ceremony which we call 'black juju' or magic," said Chief Mohamed Samukal Bailay. one of about 1,500 Kamajors in Bo district. "Sometimes extracts of the Koran are made into talismans or Koranic verse is written directly on clothing. Special herbs are burnt and put inside cuts in

the magic and to our laws."

ishing of these laws requires avoidance of sexual inter-course. "We're also not allowed to eat creatures that crawl on their belly, such as

Such traditions have been practised for centuries by Ka-major hunters in the south and east of the country to pro-

years ago, these traditional hunters have transformed the future. "These methods themselves into a formidable civil defence force. They provided we adhere strictly to Ballay said. But the magic own communities, so have a does not work for everyone. All agree that the most pun- In a recent initiation of 160 Kamajors, at least six died and seven were hospitalised

with gunshot wounds.

Although officially the Kamajors are mere army auxil- edly popular. One businessousy on the army's part. "Civilians trust us more,

vested interest in maintaining security. This has brought relative peace to confidence to return home."

The Kamajors are undoubtsnakes and lizards." said darks are broken there will be repercussions. Which may lead to death."

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Indicates the large same between the man said that when Bo was attacked by rebels in December 1994, civilians groups been bloody. The Kamajors but this tension down to jeal lead to death." best defenders. But the Kamajors complain that prom-

democratic elections in almost three decades has been dampened by the new government's failure to end the war, which has already cost an estimated 15,000 lives.

Despite the ceasefire agreed in April between the government and RUF, civilians in rural areas still bear the brunt of a terror campaign by rebels and renegade soldiers.

"The aftermath of this war will be organised banditry because it has often been impossible to distinguish between soldiers, rebels and coming. "If we had better prove us right: the Kamajors the hunters' flesh."

tect them while hunting danters are said to gerous animals. "When the ues to provoke, harass and could bring a speedy end to many years to come."

Torture is 'rife in Pakistan'

ORTURE, including rape and similar cruel and degrading treatment, is rife in Pakistan, according to a report by the United Nations' special rapporteur on torture, Professor Nigel Rodley, writes Owen Bennett Jones in

He says the use of torture to secure confessions "is perpetuated by the virtual impunity from criminal sanction of the perpetrators of these grave

crimes".
Professor Rodley compiled his report after travelling to Pakistan in February and March of this year.

The Pakistani mission to the UN in Geneva said the report "is unnecessarily judgmental".

Third World's lethal dose

PHARMACEUTICAL com-panies are falling to take action against a Third World trade in fake medicines. which leads to hundreds of deaths every year, writes Alex Duval Smith in Paris

An investigation by Le Monde said that fake pharmaceuticals account for 60 per cent of drugs and vaccines administered in Africa, 30 per cent in Brazil and 7 per cent across the world. Some are harmless in themselves, like syringes containing water or pills made with starch.

Others are potentially deadly. The newspaper said that 109 children died in Nigeria in 1990, after eating syrup for a stomach ailment which contained anti-freeze.

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Nations permanent representative and a key figure in shaping the institu tions of the post-war world.
He joined the Diplomatic
Service in 1924 after Eton and
Magdalen College, Oxford, where he got a first in history. He had served in Tehran and Rome when I first met him in 1929 just after I joined the Foreign Office. He was then four years my senior, and private secretary to the dynamic, or dreadful - according to one's point of view - Hugh Dalton, then a junior Foreign Office minister in the 1929-31

they got on very well. When Gladwyn married and went to Rome, I went to Washington. I had known his wife Cynthia before their 1929 marriage and soon after my return 1 had lunch with them. Gladwyn was already reputed to be cold. unapproachable and rather arrogant. This was misleading. I soon found out that underneath the formidable exterior was a warm-hearted fellow with a touch both of shyness and, indeed, of a rather endearing naiveté. He was a delightful, witty and stimulating companion for those who broke through the barrier. and always good for a leg-pull

Labour government. Gladwyn found Dalton dynamic and

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In the mid 1930s he was appointed assistant economic adviser, a wide-ranging post which encouraged his versa tility, and soon developed his capacity for dashing off, in his elegant and fluent handwriting, memoranda on almost any subject at the drop of a hat. He would have made a brilliant foreign editor or political commentator.

Next, as private secretary to Sir Alexander Cadogan, from 1937 to 1940 and then as his old friend Hugh Dalton's chief adviser in the wartime Special Operations Executive, he displayed efficiency. organising ability and stam-ina. He came back from SOE in 1942 to run the economic and reconstruction depart ment of the Foreign Office, in effect a think-tank concerned with immediate problems such as relief, and long-range post-war planning. Here, Gladwyn was in his element and, from this moment on, a spate of memoranda flowed easelessly from his desk.

He had a unique talent for policy creation and analysis and his fertile mind was constantly putting forward new ideas or modifying old ones.

From 1942 he was a key figure in the evolution of the post-war settlement, and the structure of the UN. His keen intellect and nowers of articles. intellect and powers of articulate exposition made him a ulate exposition made him a persuasive and effective negotiator in the run-up to the 1945 San Francisco conference that set up the UN. Following this, his organising ability and efficiency as acting secretary-general of the UN ensured that the new institution got off to a good start. In 1946, as political under-secretary at the Foreign Office he was one of the most influential of, the new most influential of, the new Labour foreign secretary. Er-nest Bevin's advisers in the negotiation and execution of

wyn," Ernie said, "e's never dull." Gladwyn had been acting as UN adviser to Bevin for a

the Western alliance. He had a great admiration for Bevin

which was reciprocated in

Gladwyn was always ready to react and take a positive line, rather than dither and wait for instructions

appointed British permanent representative in New York. He arrived in 1950 at the outbreak of the Korean War. It was familiar territory, but the situation in the UN Security Council was critical. The Soviet representative, Jakov Malik, was young, good look-ing, quick-witted, articulate — a natural television star. Gladwyn's predecessor Alec Cadogan, for all his great qualities, had been a poor communicator. The elderly United States representative, Senator Warren Austin, also had good qualities, but came over in public as an old fuddy-duddy, Chauvel, the French representative, was also reserved and unimpressive in public. It was the dawn of the nation-wide

winning the propagands

Enter Gladwyn — good-looking quick-witted, articulate and sardonic. He was more than a match for Malik; and in American terms, the winner of the debate. He was hailed as the paladin of the West; his popularity shot to dizzy heights in the ratings, he was overwhelmed by pub-lic acclaim. His head was far too firmly screwed on for it to be turned by this adulation. But it represented a timely propaganda success. There-after, his popularity waned a little, and a member of his staff recalls the gloom in the office when he was ousted from 12th place in the ratings by Marilyn Monroe. But he remained a key player in New York, and he enjoyed every minute of the game. I had the unenviable task.

large measure. "Whatever you may say about Gladas deputy secretary of state dealing with the 1952-53 Anglo-Persian oil dispute, of recalling him from leave in Scotland and sending him back to New York to cope with the prime minister of Persia (now Iran) Muhammad Mossadeq. Gladwyn did not give a murmur of com-plaint. "I'll take him on," he said cheerfully. "If he bursts into tears I'll follow suit; if he faints, I'll faint and be carried out with him."

He owed his prowess as UN representative partly to his knowledge and experience of the institution, but also to his self-confidence. In his posi-tion it is not always possible to get instructions; Gladwyn was always ready to react quickly and take a positive line, rather than dither while

waiting for instructions. In the US he was, after his performance on TV, much in demand for public speeches. In this activity, he was less successful. His speeches were usually much too long, with few light touches, and his delivery was poor. He quotes in The Memoirs of Lord Glad-wyn (1972) a letter he received from a correspondent in Los Angeles, telling him that his speech had been too long and boring and that he dropped his voice at the end of every sentence. Characteristically, he continued to drop his voice in the House of Lords. I often thought that, on account of their poor de-

in December 1953, Gladwyn was appointed ambassador in

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Paris and almost at once began his advocacy of closer British integration in Europe. His thinking on European policy developed slowly. He had been shrewd enough to see clearly, when the Council of Europe was formed, that Churchill's romantic view — in his Zurich speech — of a united Europe did not mean that the United Kingdom would be part of it. Although always in favour of a closer British association with the continent, he realised that in the early 1950s there was virtually no support in the UK for the concept of a federal Europe and did not propose

In the aftermath of the 1956 Suez crisis he quickly assessed the disenchantment of the French with the UK and discerned the re-direction of French policy towards a close link with Germany. He became an increasingly insistent advocate of the full inte-gration of the UK into a European community, and a sharp critic of Whitehall's thinking especially of their projects for the European Free Trade Area and an industrial free trade area. The flow of despatches and memoranda giving his views and proposals was unabated.

S AMBASSADOR

in Paris he was a success, and he understood and got on well with President de Gaulle. But there was a great difference be-tween his experience during his Foreign Office or UN days, and his later time in Paris, for in the first period, he was working with the grain of official policy and in the second against it. His enjoyment and satisfaction in the first period was followed by some sadness and disillusionment in the second. He was also certainly disap-pointed at not being selected to succeed Sir Ivone Kirkpat-rick as Permanent Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office in 1957, though he was far too sterling a character to show it or indeed to feel resentment. Probably he was better placed in Paris. He had shown his competence as an administrator, but he would



Dynamic diplomat . . . Lord Gladwyn had a unique talent for policy creation and analysis

Throughout his official career his advice and recom-mendations, so clearly and fully traced in his Memoirs were prescient. His errors of judgment, which he freely recognised, were relatively few, and in particular he correctly predicted the course of events leading up to the 1957 Treaty of Rome which established the European Economic Community, and bemanner told against him. Though he stood up manfully against his own government's European policy he never managed fully to con-vince the French that he

really liked and admired

not have been so good at man-management and staff He could certainly be sharp and scornful in company and Treaty Association, of which he often said things, usually unconsciously I think, which upset people. For example, a couple whom he had entertained at the Embassy met him some weeks later and thanked him warmly again for inviting them. "Oh." said Gladwyn, "did you come?" He had a good sense of humour, but it tended to lurk

below the surface. On his retirement in 1960 tary peer, Lord Gladwyn his advocacy of UK integration into the European Community continued to be expounded energetically in foreign affairs and defence. speeches in the House of Perhaps at heart he was Lords, in the Atlantic Insti- more of a politician, or

rather a publicist, than a bureaucrat. Gladwyn was a man of

But he certainly found a con-

genial home there, and acted

he became chairman, and all other available channels. He character and integrity. He had the courage of his convicworked on with quite remarkable energy and con-centration, and undoubtedly tions, and physical courage too. After a massive stroke. he refused to give in, as many had an effect. He once made it clear that men would have done, but fought his way back to full he had hoped for the offer of a participation in political and social life. His other books job from the Conservative government while sitting on included Is Tension Necesthe cross benches from 1960 sary? (1959) and Europe After and that when nothing happened he had then joined the Liberal Party, in 1965. de Gaulle in 1970. His wife died in 1990, he is survived by a son and two daughters.

Lord Sherfield

as spokesman for them with distinction for many years on Hubert Miles Gladwyn Jebb (Lord Gladwyn), diplomat. born April 25, 1900; died October 24.

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Diana Trilling

The company of critics

HE writer Diana Trilling, who has died aged 91, was born to affluent New York Jewish parents. She was an anxious child, and despite her intellectual courage always remained anxious, despite the ministrations of many psychoanalysis. After graduating from Rad-cliffe College she moved into advanced leftwing circles. and, having married Lionel Trilling, experienced for a while what he called "a tenuous relation with the Commu-nist Party". This phase ended in 1933, and the Trillings. remaining members of "the hated middle class", strove successfully to hold on to their liberal position, no easy feat in 1930s New York.

In her double biography of herself and her husband, The Beginning of the Journey, she remarks on their privileged lives as children — she driven to school by her father's chauffeur, he allowed to play with other boys on the Upper West Side, but having his sandwiches brought to him by a servant. The crash of 1929 ruined both families, and thereafter the couple lived a mildly bohemian life on his meagre Columbia salary and

were never rich again. Towards the end of her long life Diana listed the company she had kept in those days, "those strange, difficult, ungenerous, unreliable, unkind and not altogether honest people who created the world which Lionel and I shared"— among them Elliot Cohen, Her-bert Solow (who would "move from one bouse to another, leaving his gift of gloom, like a cat depositing a half-eaten bird at the feet of his master") and pressing her strong instinct



For richer for poorer . . . Diana Trilling in 1981 THOMAS VICTOR

the Journey. By 1950 Trilling was the celebrated author of The Liberal Imagination, and his fame did not diminish until his death in 1975. Meanwhile, they lived and entertained in their apartment on Claremont Avenue, just round the corner from Columbia University. Among those who frequented the apartment were students of Tri ling later to be celebrated, for example, Steven Marcus, Norman Podhoretz and John

Hollander. Diana, who had trained as a singer, and then studied art history, made a modest beginning as a reviewer, preferring to leave her reviews unsigned; at the feet of his master") and Whitaker Chambers, the "ragic comedian" of the Hess

trial, and the Gifford Maxim of Trilling's novel The Middle of husband's interests first, but her authority as a fearless. By 1950 Trilling was the celon books and politics soon declared itself. As queen of Claremont she had, uniquely, the respect of the New York intelligential, even when, as many did, they became the objects of her scorn or disap-proval. Some who were condemned were later reprieved, but some, for example Lillian

Hellman, were not.

Despite much illness and failing eyesight she published several good strong books, among them the collections Claremont Essays (1964) and We Must March, My Dartings (1977). Her book Mrs Harris (1981) is a report of the trial of Mrs Harris for the murder of

the author of the Scarsdale Diet.

writer was The Beginning of the Journey (1993). The mere composition was heroic, for she was in her late eightles and virtually blind. It adds to the political and social history of New York in the 1930s and is splendidly candid not only about friends but about her own life and Lionel's. Ac-quaintances might not guess that he was often morose and ill-tempered, unhappy with his sedate manner of life, and constantly regretting that he had achieved fame as a critic,

not as a novelist.

For the first time Diana showed in a book the candour made her talk so delightful. She called her husband's prose "firm and flexible" an admirable description of her own use of language.
She blamed herself for what

she thought of as her under achievement, her dropping out of both singing and art history (her son James is, in compensation, a distinguished art historian). And her first steps as a writer were timid. Her many illnesses and "rampant superego" were contribu-tory causes; also, she says, she was "shy", which, despite her was "shy", which, despite her formidable presence, was true.

But as old age came on she rose above these handicaps, and has left, along with her biographer/autobiographer, i mass of material about New York in her time, preserved on tape for an oral history. Presumably it will not lie ne-glected, and Diana Trilling herself will be, imperiously and lovably, an important part of the record.

Frank Kermode

Diana Trilling, writer, born July Her finest achievement as a 21, 1905; died October 23, 1996

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Birthdays

THE problem for Hillary Rod-ham Clinton, 49 today, is not what she is, but what the what she is, but what the voters want her to be. Her popularity rating gained eight points when she appeared on TV decking the White House with that cruelly professional homemaker, Martha Stewart. An America where women have gone further and faster in public life than anywhere else still presumes that a Mrs



Today's other Birthdays Bob Hoskins, actor, 54; can at best only be consort to a President.

Andrew Motion, poet and Wanessa President.

Vanessa linist, 19

minister of state, Home Office 46, Lord (Hugh) Scanlon, for mer trade union leader, 83 Josephina Vasconcellos,

Tomorrow's Birthdays Lady Baden-Powell, former chief commissioner, Girl Guides Assocation, 60; Warren Christopher, US Secretary of State, 71; John Cleese, comic actor, writer, 57; Peter Firth, actor, 43; Glenn Hoddle, footballer/manager 39; Roy Lich-tenstein, pop art painter, 73; Vanessa-Mae Nicholson, vic**Death Notices**

WOLCHOVER, Dora Michaelson, on 24 October 1998 peacetally at home. Dearly loved majner, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. Funeral service at Bolders Green Cremeiorium West Chapel on Tuesday 39 October at 2,30pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to Marie Curio Centrer Care.

Memorial Services

DREW, Durse Jane. There will be a Gathering to collaborate the life of the late Danie Jane Drew at the Architectural Association 34 Bedford Square, WC1 on Wednesday, 13 November at Spin

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Russia's real disaster

The poor grow poorer, and . .

THE MENACE of the Soviet Red Army was an enduring myth of the cold war, but now the Russian armed forces which are its successors present a more genuine threat. Warnings from all quarters (including Alexander Lebed, who predicted a military coup before he was removed by another sort of coup last week) were supported yesterday by the Defence Minister Igor Rodionov. He spoke of the danger of "uncontrollable developments" is developments" if something is not done about the army's chronic shortage of funds. One development, which he spelt out, would be that Russia could lose the armed forces "as a integral and active state structure, with all the consequences that would follow." In other words, the country which used to be the world's number two superpower will no longer have an army capable of defending it. The other "development" which he did not need to spell out, is that army dissatisfaction could reach a pitch where, far from defending the Russian state against external dangers, it would itself become a source of danger from within.

Most army personnel have not been paid for four months; those with the opportunity to do so are taking part-time jobs to make ends meet. The defence minister has already conceded that the armed forces do not have a single regiment capable of mobilising for action at short notice. In a previous complaint to Boris Yeltsin, he itemised the deficiencies: 70 per cent of personnel are short of clothing or equipment; 110,000 officers and families have accommodation provided for them; corruption and black market sales of army supplies are sharply increasing. Some of this may be exaggerated in order to strengthen the army's case - but most observers agree that it is not far off the mark.

Yet the plight of most Russian armed forces personnel is no different from that of those working in many state enterprises. It is only shocking because the military has in the past always been exempt from normal economic pressures on society — and these are now abnormal pressures. There are other much larger groups who deserve greater sympathy today. These include millions now living in real poverty, after five years in which average real wages have fallen by 40 per cent. Official statistics for May this year put the proportion of Russians now living below the subsistence level at 24 per cent, or 35 million people. This statistic was invoked recently by the new first deputy prime minister Viktor Ilyushin — who is also bidding for funds. But the facts of deprivation — and of falling budgets in health, education and welfare spending — are also a matter of common knowledge. Some foreign economists have begun to profess optimism at a presumed upturn in the Russian economy, but, according to Mr Ilyushin, industrial production continues to fall - by 4 per cent in the first half of this year alone.

Russia's new homeless deserve special sympathy which is more than they are getting in Moscow. The latest estimate to that 20,000 in the capital have nowhere letting youth out of the driving seat to live. This is admittedly far fewer than in New York, Rio or Bombay, but it is in much sharper contrast with the past. There are precisely 25 shelter beds available. (New York, with 100,000 homeless, has 25,000 beds). The Moscow city authorities have now begun a policy of forced expulsion, detaining the homeless and then sending them back to their last place of registration where they may still be without a home. Throughout the whole of Russia, the estimated number of homeless is two million. Their plight, according to a new damning survey of Russian inequality, "has no equal in

the Western world."* Of course, under communism people were not allowed to move freely; but was not freedom of movement supposed to be one of capitalism's new liberties? As the human rights activist Sergei Kovalyov comments, 'We are all children of the Soviet era ... We have seen deportations before."

The contrast with the enrichment of a minority of Russians, some to obscene lengths of luxury, hardly needs underlining. The small economic elite occupies some 1.6 per cent of the population - less than two and half million. Mr Yeltsin secured his own re-election with a string of extravagant promises to the huge majority of poor. Even those who voted for him doubt that he can deliver. But Russia's future stability does not depend on who wins the Kremlin power struggle. Whoever does so must then tackle this vast range of social ills, whether military or civilian, as a matter of survival. How to deal with this should also be at the top of the list of priorities for all the international agencies and advisers now involved in Russia and the governments behind them. Soldiers without pay packets pose an obvious threat to society. Civilians without homes or enough to live on are a less visible threat. But the longterm consequences for Russia are just as dire. *Rich and poor: stark divisions, Transition, October 1996, Open Media Research Institute, Prague.

Planet Mars

An apology

ON AUGUST 18 we printed an editorial based on the understanding that scientists at Nasa had found traces of life on Mars, albeit billions of years old, from a meteorite catapulted from the planet 15 million years ago. This was said in good faith within the obvious limitations of the checking mechanisms of a newspaper only 176 years old. We are now informed - by geochemists at the University of Colorado in Boulder that the carbonate mineral globules in which the suspected microfossils had been found were formed not within the 0 to 80 Celsius range suggested by Nasa but between 40 and 250 Celsius - up to 100 Celsius above the upper limit for life. We unreservedly apologise for the consternation this must have caused among the constellations not to speak of all those who may have started to trace back their family trees in the now misbegotten hope that they may have had extraterrestial ancestors.

Anthropomorphism of this kind is fortunately not yet a crime (though, doubtless, lawyers are working on it) but that is no reason to libel those unable to defend themselves. We wish Mars a long and well-deserved return to the undiscovered bliss of inanimation and promise not to write about it again. At least, not until Nasa scientists want to squeeze more funds out of Congress again. Or until the little green men land in

Letters to the Editor

Rally round the poppy

pointed to read Tom Campbell's letter (October 24) work of the Royal British

Legion. Under the terms of its royal charter, the legion is obliged to assist any former member or assist any tormer member of the services, or their dependants, who finds him- or herself in need. We have a potential constituency of some 16 million people and each year was answer in to 200 cm. we answer up to 200,000 calls

These range across a wide spectrum of care, from placements in our residential and convalescent homes to hospial visits for those who have been left without fam-ilies or friends. We serve not only veterans from the two world wars and national serice but also those from every other conflict since, including the Falklands, the Gulf, Northern Ireland and Bosnia. Mr Campbell mentions the

ments that have to take place before assistance can be provided. Under charity law, only those in need can be as-sisted and, therefore, simple and sensitive procedures have to be carried out to ensure the

Blade runner

THE furore about knives (Blair push for knives U-turn, October 25) is misplaced.

Section 1 of the Prevention of

Crime Act 1953 makes it an

offence for anyone, without

public place any offensive

weapon. Under section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988,

it is an offence to have a knife

in a public place. This in-cludes any article that has a

blade or is "sharply pointed

apart from a folding pocket louise with a blade of three

not laws on knives but the

that does not predispose

Staffordshire University,

Stoke-on-Trent ST4 2DF.

(Dr) Gary Slapper.

The Law School

social stability and security

young men to carry weapons.

SINCE control of the sale of new knives would go some way towards controlling the

sale of all knives, surely limit-

ing the sale of new knives to

makes and models approved

by statute would ease the Gov

ANOTHER

MANIFESTO

AS THE election approaches, our series Another Manifesto

will continue to give readers a

chance to inject constructive ideas into political debate.

deserve to be taken up by our

posais will appear on Mon-

number of criminals, probably due to unemploy-

the creation of a Peace Corps to assist in disasters (earth-

quakes, famines) at home or

abroad. They could be trained

in first aid, firefighting, cook-

Nearer the election, a panel will Judge those ideas which most

FOUNG males aged 16 to

25 produce the highest

nment's dilemma.

F J Rodgers. 12 Cholmeley Crescent,

London N65HA

inches or less. What we lack is

authority or reasonable ex-cuse, to have with him in any

monies are spent correctly. Mr Campbell also alludes to deficiencies in the facilities offered through the welfare state. We would echo this criticlsm. However, criticism does not help those who are suffering as a result of those deficiencies and we, and our sister charities, have to make good such omissions. I G Townsend. Secretary General, The Royal British Legion. 48 Pall Mall,

QUESTION the wisdom of Tom Campbell's suggestion that rather than contribute to the Royal British Legion (RBL) to help ex-servicemen (and women, pariners and de pendants), readers at consider the Lottery.

London SW1Y5JY.

The RBL and SSAFA, the Soldiers', Sailors' and Air-men's Families Association, are the largest welfare organi sations in the country. The RBL helps all ex-servicemen not only those with a war per sion. Some adapt with difficulty to civilian life; the RBL uses some of its income for raining and resettlement,

with notable success Their help is indeed freely

FEDERATION OF

THE Federation of Irish Societies wants "a sepa-rate category for Irish people

the Irish are "the largest eth-

nic-minority group in Brit-ain" (Letters, October 23).

in this country, say I do not want to be in a separate cate-gory, or, indeed, to be consid-

ered an ethnic minority. In

the 31 years I have lived here,

do not think that life was any

harder for me than it was for people from Wales or Scot-land, Cornwall or the North-

east. Working people from all areas find life a struggle and I

don't wish to insult them by

There are ethnic minorities

claiming that things were

omehow harder for me.

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time. This would help make

ralued, and fully occupied

and cheaper than prison).

Tarbert, Argyll PA29 68X.

WE NEED a national legal service. Legal Aid is for those who

can't pay; but otherwise civil

justice is dispensed as a com-mercial transaction between

the individual and the lawyer

Hence many people of moder-ate means are deterred from

testing their legal rights. There should be a standard national

legal service, comparable with

that of state education and the

NHS. Within it, lawyers, in-stead of charging clients, would have fixed salaries, de-

cided by their position. Michael Bulley.

59 Hythe Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 8PG.

Isabell Crawley Croft House, Cove Road,

them independent, confident

May L as an Irishman living

in the 2001 census" because

The Irish question, again

IRISH SOCIETIES

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available, from almost enirely voluntary workers. Of the 1,000 applications a year received in my office, 95 per cent are from these two agencles. But without an assessment of means, and an appraisal of applications from hose seeking succour, sadly there are a few who would gain your readers' contribu-

tions under false pretences.
It may be that Mr Campbell s resentful, perhaps in part from the broken government promise of 1947 and the need to have his case assessed. I urge him to put it aside in favour of ooking forwards. Geoffrey Crook. General Secretary, The Royal Pioneer Corps

51 St Georges's Drive, London SW1V 4DE.

OM Campbell asks us to think twice about support ing the British Legion's nnual appeal. We should also think twice about supporting its inappropriate ceremonies hrance. They have turned the Festival of Remem brance into a gung-ho celebra-tion of militarism. And they continue to promote ceremo-

WHICH LEAVES US WITH THE PROBLEM OF TACK CHARLTON

needs require urgent atten-

tion. They suffer from poorer

health, higher mortality rates

and economic disadvantage

because their skin colour is

are the minorities that really

need the nation's attention.

The federation should real-

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nic minority, then nobody is an ethnic minority.

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works should be guaranteed

by law - as it is in much of

Europe. So opinion, usually

rently all but unobtainable to

many people would at least have a chance of getting a hearing (or a reading). There

should also be a guaranteed

community groups, protest-

right of reply for trade unions.

so that those views and groups

that do not get covered (eg the

Liverpool dockers) can make

others aware of what is going

Y proposal is to raise to 21 the minimum age at which you can drive a car. This would reduce pollu-

tion and congestion, and would keep a dangerous sec-tion of the driving public off

Keith Flett.

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from the left, which is cur-

address and daytime telephon

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London SW8.

not the same as ours. These

encourage people to think that fighting and killing are things to be proud of. On Remembrance Sunday, I shall be wearing the Peace Pledge Union's white poppy. A J Augarde. 18 Carlton Road. Oxford OX27SA.

OM Campbell's letter stopped me in my tracks. Up to now I have given scant thought to what happens to my poppy money, But I've al-ways bought my poppy be-cause I believe that the absolute horror and stupidity of the war it symbolises should never be forgotten. It should continue to serve for future generations as a reminder of what war actually means for the people who have to fight it, whether in gas-filled, hopeless trenches, burning battleships or terror-stricken partisan

enclaves.
I hope Tom Campbell's letter stirs some consciences and that a fairer way of distributing the funds can be found. But the power of the poppy symbol is too strong to be discarded. Sue Leckie.

Gypsy myths

JOUR article (Dreams of the despised, October 16) is accompanied by photographs al-legedly representing Roma-nian gypsies as examples of society's scapegoats, "much like the Jews were in the past". The association be-tween the fate of Jews and gypsies in the past "all across stern Europe" and Romania seems to be at least farfetched, if one remembers that Romania was the one Eastern European country which did not perpetrate any crimes against either ethnic group. Ion Pascu. Chargé d'Affaires,

OUR reporting of English National Opera's box office procedures (Tickets go for a song as freebles keep opera au-diences healthy, October 23) gives an inaccurate impression. Under no circumstance does the company ever include complimentary tickets in its published attendance figures.

Dennis Marks. General Director English National Opera. St Martin's Lane,

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parks into sports fields.

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SUPPORT Stan Rosenthal's

19), but would go further; by creating a 30-hour basic work

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heads, savings which could be

used to help compensate any

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Those who view acting as a

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Jeff Notton.

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with little increase in over-

ing week, companies could make 60 hours' production

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Embessy of Romania. 4 Palace Green.

A family stalked by injustice asks if we really are colour blind

WE are the family of Clarence Morris, who was recently convicted of stalking Perry Southall (No secure hospital place for stalker facing life, October 28). We have kept silent since the publicity started, although Perry was not loath to appear scantily dressed in The Sun. That is, of

course, her prerogative.
The injustice of this case
has devastated us. The offence committed by Clarence does not deserve such a drastic measure as indefinite detention in Rampton. He is fine in the medium-secure unit where he resides at present. His condition can easily be treated. The fact that he was not on his medication at the time of the offence is the fault of this government's mentalealth policies.

Anthony Smith was sen-tenced to indefinite detention in Rampton recently for mur-

brother in an horrific attack. Clarence scared Perry out of her wits: but where is the

Recently, in a "black-onblack" stalking offence, a black man walked free from court after he had been black woman for four years. Clarence stalked Perry for a much shorter period. We won-der if the media hysteria about this case has anything: to do with the fact that Clar-

ence is black and Perry white? The media's over-reaction and the draconian sentence meted out to Clarence reinforced to us that white society still suffers from a deep-seated fear of black men and of what is perceived as their "uncontrol-lable" lust when directed Y Morris (sister). V Morris (sister).

Artistic differences of opinion

'M sure it must have been tempting for Adrian Searle to make a cheap jibe at myself and other contemporary war artists (The lies of the land, October 24), particularly after my letter, published by the Guardian earlier this year, in which I questioned his sneering assessment of the new Glasgow Museum of Modern Art. He enjoys the privileged paper and can write what he

However, I have to take

at the Tate for the (incorrect) ings" rather than the (correct) reasons of "radical formal me-diations on painting". Did he pass a questionnaire around? He correctly points out that there is "not a Goya" amongst us, but an equally fatuous remark would be to say that he is no Ruskin. And could this harking back to Goya be, dare I say it, "nostalgic yearn-ings"? Pass the bully-beef. John Keane. 70 Highbury Hill,

visited the Cezanne exhibiton

issue again with his superior attitude to the crowds who

Morality, Westminster-style

JOUR REPORT (Scandal Council wants secrets law, October 22) was misleading. Since 1994, Westminster has done more than any authority in Britain to codify and regulate the governance of council activities. Our submission to the Nolan Committee repre-sents a well-researched and ractical way forward.

You fail to point out that it is our guiding principle to minie the amount of confidential information held within the council. Only a very small and usually commercially-sensitive residual should be protected by the law. To suggest that we seek to jail or fine whistleblowers is a distortion. W Roots. Chief Executive,

City of Westminster. 64 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP.

YOU report that Westmin-ster City Council has asked the Nolan Committee to introduce the power to prosecute officals, etc who leak confidential documents which could expose corruption.

What if a person raises a well-founded concern with a ocal authority in good faith but it is not investigated or taken seriously? Is the public interest best served by the leaking of confidential information or the continuation of

the wrongdoing?
In the light of some recent developments, we should be listening to the message rather than shooting the David Lewis. 13 Windermere Road.

Muswell Hill,

London N10 2RD.

A Country Diary

NORTH PEMBROKESHIRE: When low-weather fronts swirl in from the south-west, inside the house is a good place to be. However, there are exceptions. If it's not too fierce, the coastal path is enjoyable. You're windswept and drowned, but deliberately. Walking down off the high ground towards Newport golf course, we saw the cliffs across the bay picked out in detail by the darkening effects of the rain. They are topped by a rusty fringe of bracken whilst the sea, thrashed by the wind, splashes grey-white waves around the base. The Nevern estuary always provides some birds. This time we only saw herons, curlews, herring gulls, mallards, rooks and river gulls in their winter whites. Next day, the rain had stopped and the wind vanished. We left early to climb up Foel Eryr on the Preselis. All the valleys looked like escould have been in Iceland. The hills themselves were topped with vapour which seemed to evaporate around us. Looking back, the spot where we'd been standing in a clear space half an hour before was now lost in cloud. On the top, which had been invisible from below, we could see all around. There is a bronze-age burial ground there, a great mound of stones. As Foel Eryr translates as bare-topped hill of the eagle, it's tempting to wonder if this could have been a sky burial site as well — stone being thrown on once the birds had done their work. Such thoughts were jolted by a new experience. There is a National Park view indicator on the top. Someone had car-ried up three large pebbles, probably from the sea, carefully painted with flowers and placed them there. One had a name, the others simply stated: "For the mothers of

AUDREY INSCH

ing, etc. Training should be in HE media should be the road until an age at which Farringdon Road, London EC1R a holiday-camp style with rec-reational pursuits for free they are more responsible and mature. Other benefits would opened up to ordinary 3ER (fax 0171 837 4530; e-mail tuaries with motionless white people. Access to newsmist looking like water. We

The soap that leaves the dirt behind



Mark Lawson

HE phrase "soap opera" has long been general code for the un-believable or unreal, the sordid or excessive. The royal family, electoral politics and professional football have all been derided in recent times as being more suited to thrice-weekly drama serials than to daily news shows.

The relationship between soap opera and real life seems, though, to be becoming ever more complex. Next week, the ITC. commercial television's watchdog, will strongly censure the Channel 4 soap opera Brookside for its recent storyline about incest — on the unusual grounds, apparently, that it was not realistic enough. On Monday, BBC2 be-

ago, the brother of the actress Patsy Palmer, who plays the wayward Bianca in BBC1's EastEnders, was jailed for three years for burglary. The story caught the eye because a failbird brother is exactly what viewers might expect Bianca to have.
The Brookside controversy

represents a landmark in tele-vision spats. The majority of complaints from viewers about television fiction con-cern what is seen as excessive realism; the violence is too bloody, the sex too explicit, the dialogue too demotic. But the general objection to the incestuous relationship of Nat and Georgia Simpson in Brookside seems to have been that the storyline idealised existence. Sex with a sister was presented (initially at least) not as a furtive, destructive and illegal activity, but as a tender and gentle union of two tanned and attractive youths; the Club 18-30 vision of sibling

An obvious solution to the problem of reality in soap opera is to use humans who gins screening Soho Storles, a are not pretending. Next thrice-weekly "factual serial".

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isting one to extremes. The Wilkinses of Reading were television's first actuality ac-tors, in BBC1's The Family in the mid-seventies, agreeing to be filmed while about their on the toilet or making love", as their contract with the programme-makers stipulated. More recently, some Manches-ter University students permitted cameras in their flat for BBC2's The House. The difficulty that Soho

Stories is going to have is that the concept of "real-life soap opera" promises a level of in-cident quite different now than would have been the case 20 or even 10 years ago. Then, a marital row, a baptism, a job interview were acceptable plot-lines in both the fictional and non-fictional strains of the genre. Now, soap opera revolves around incest, murder and wives putting out contracts on their husbands so that they can abscond with their lovers. These develop-ments certainly occur in nonfiction, but it is unlikely that anyone sleeping with sis or

rubbing out hubby would in-

lives of actual residents of new genre of television, but, by the print media's obsession drama that soap operas are de-London W1 in the style of in fact, it merely takes an ex-serial drama. And, two days isting one to extremes. The tors who appear in the weekly light as possible between pertors who appear in the weekly serials. The cast of EastEnders former and role. has provided almost as many tabloid headlines in the last decade as the children and in-This is for the simple practi-cal reason that the ratio of

rehearsal time to shooting is laws of the Queen. Last week's ower in soap operas (which Sunday Mirror had Eastneed to generate between 90 and 120 minutes of material each week) than in any other Enders Star's Spanking Shame, while the previous week's featured How Sad East genre. There isn't time for ac-tors to find their characters, Enders Star Sid Butchered Himself And that was before so it's simpler if they just the saga of Bianca's (which is bring them along every mornto say, Patsy's) criminal brother. ing For this reason, visitors to soap-opera sets often find These stories, too, offer a the show's on-screen clown planting fart-cushions in the variation on media tradition. ecause, while most tabloid make-up trailer, while the serial's fictional Mr Angry bawls out a waitress in the scandal alleges a disparity between public and private be-haviour — the vicar or politi-

This technique reached its apotheosis when Julia Smith, the first producer of East-Enders, looking for an actor to play the bad-lad barman Den larity of their fictional world Watts, contracted an actor, Leslie Grantham, who had kind of dark magic — or have enjoyed the numerous horror himself been jailed for murder. His time-serving was time-saving when it came to taken over by their characters
— may wish to believe that
William Roache has been posestablishing an aura around the actor. This biographical connection remained a secret

a past as a comedy actress, her real-life (innocent and incidental) connection with the London underworld - she was married to Ronnie Knight, currently serving time for armed robbery lends an extra level of credibility to her performance as the mother of the gangsterish Mitchell brothers. My fantasy is that the prob-

though Barbara Windsor has

lems of welfare provision will eventually be solved — first in America, and then in Britain, its willing cultural satellite— by offering accommodation and food to the homeless and poor in exchange for the television rights to their lives. Council estates will be wired with video cameras in every room; births, deaths, marriages and affairs will become edited highlights on the Real-Life Channel.

Soho Stories is perhaps a step towards that reality, another stage in the breakdown of the barriers between the serial and the serious. Cer-tainly, the limitations set by the Wilkins family two decades ago now seem hopelessly naive; these days, documentary producers would probably want you making love on the toilet before they even consid-

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AN is nothing un-less he has a place, and singing the vir-tues of that place has always been part of the national celebration. Whether it is French fields or German forests, English dales or Welsh hills, landscape in some sense is nation. Yet it is in the South-west Pacific rather than Europe that a true ecological nationalism, as opposed to a romanticised love of the land,

may be emerging.
In that part of the world, some are arguing that the most solid foundation for national identity is a recogni-tion of the unique features of

New Zealander Geoff Park have opened up, in recent books, the specifically national implications of ecology. They have shown that the history of the Australasian lands before man arrived is still of central relevance to the societies now living there, and argue that it ought to be the main influence in the ap-proach to economic, social, and cultural decisions.

For one thing, this puts the tired debate about Australia's and New Zealand's British connection — the Republican question — in a new context, as it also does recent fashions such as seeking an Asian or a multi-cultural destiny. For another, it gives Australians and New Zealanders the possibil-ity of a kind of world role, if they can pioneer a politics and economics of limits, related to the special difficulties of their environment.

Nowhere in the New World was the clash between European imperatives of expansion tion of the unique features of and growth and the realities of the regional eco-systems.

Scholars such as the Australia and New Zealand lian Tim Flannery and the New Zealander Geoff Park had destroyed most of the The aborigines in Australia had destroyed most of the larger animals in the distant past, while the Maori in New Zealand much more recently wiped out the larger flightless birds. Although both races had recovered some balance, when the Europeans came they came to already damaged

Yet they saw only visions of plenty. In his book, The Future Eaters, Flannery ar-gues that Australia, in particular, has been for hundreds of thousands of years an impoverished, slow and unstable en-vironment. It is not a place for big populations of large, energy-intensive animals. On the other hand, Europe, whose plants, animals and human societies were shaped by the competitive scramble to occupy land as the ice retreated, was precisely such a place. The European occupation of Australia brought two differ-

ent ecologies and two different

massively modified. Flan-nery's book begins with dino-saurs — those of Australia | stand their land or be at ease in it. He charts a progression were, symptomatically, unusually small — and ends with reflections on growth and popreflections on growth and population size in modern times. His suggestion is that, at coming up to 18 million, Australia has already exceeded its optimum population.

The message, in a country where some respectable figures still speak of a population of 100 million, could be caricatured as "Denonulate or Per-

tured as "Depopulate or Per ish". It is a message involving a new attitude to Asia, which ecologically stops at Wallace's Line between Indonesia and New Guinea. To attempt to be Asian, then, is, for Flannery, lmost as perverse as attemp ing to replicate Britain in the South Seas, and to encourage high immigration, whether from Asia or anywhere else, the height of foolishness

"Any lasting notion of Australian nationhood must arise from an intimate understanding of Australian ecosystems, Flannery writes. Simon Upton, a minister in New Zealand's National Party govern-ment, has similarly com-mended Geoff Park's book, Nga Uroroa (Maori words meaning forest places or sacred groves), as "an im-mensely important contribution to our emerging sense of nationhood". Park's argument is that without a sense of what went before and a continuing attempt to protect the dam aged remnants of pre-himan New Zealand's eco-systems, cultures into collision. One was damaged almost beyond preserving them as cultural as repair and the other is ulti-mately unsustainable unless well as physical places, New Zealanders will never under-

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He charts a progression from a stage when land des-cription predominates — it is the new owner's inventory of valuables — to a second stage when some ecological understanding emerges, and on to a third, where men seek an emo-tional and moral connection with the land. Until recently a civil servant with the Depart-ment of Conservation, Park sees Maori knowledge and tradition as one means of making

N BOTH Australia and New Zealand, as elsewhere, there is a facile face to ecological and land conto ecological anniand con-cerns. There can be a purist distinction between protected lands and unprotected ones. There could be more human activity in protected zones, Flannery and Park suggest, and more protection in those parts now open to virtually any form of exploitation.

On the other hand, the rhetoric of ecology can so easily be deployed in the service of a new kind of future eating, the relentless consumption of land for tourist and what are glibly called "lifestyle" developments, a suburbanisation of coast and lakeside and what remains of forest that is fright-ening in its cheerful, heedless

Flannery ends his book with a postscript on the beauty of Sydney harbour, coupled with the reflection that "Somewhere behind me - far to the West - great machines drone on, converting forest into yet more suburbs or cropland".

Australians and New Zea-landers live among abundant evidence of extinction in a way Europeans and Ameri-cans do not. These places had less to lose and have lost more. There are trees in the remnant forests which were grazed by moa, the giant birds that became extinct during the Maori era. But the moa was only one among many ex-tinctions and near extinctions. New Zealand radio used to broadcast a dawn chorus, recorded in the forests before the nine o'clock news. It was withdrawn, people speculate, because it can now be heard

From the beginning, Australians and New Zealanders adopted native animals and plants as badges and symbols. New Zealanders call themselves kiwis and put the silver fern leaf on the shirts of their sportsmen. Even as the settlers damaged and des troyed, they also grasped something of the value and the beauty of the land and its obdurate difference from that of the Europe from which they came.

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Now a nationalism which studies the land but which does not castigate the settlers as mere wreckers is becoming possible. It would be a nationalism that springs from the fossil record, from the fire storms of Australia and the lost plains forests of New Zealand. Because it is so close to the facts of extinction, it could serve not only the few millions who live in Australasian parts but the rest of us

Could I sue that Julius chap for defaming my profession? Phiz draws an old stereotype for Punch in 1842 MARY EVANS

trivial, are also best resolved by litigation. It is this sense that everything is justiciable that fuels much American lawyer humour. (A concert-hall announcer: "Would you please welcome Edwin Nells, accompanied, as always, by his attorney." Or the lover. "I love you, Sharon, and these documents will advise you of certain rights you have under federal and state law ...

Americans claim the law as their own, yet the law's custodians stand above and beyond them. And while the law is the patrimony of all US citizens, they engage with law-yers at their peril. Lawyer okes protest this paradox.

HERE are notable the English and American legal sys-tems. While the US has a constitution, England has unwritten conventions; while US courts can strike down legislation, in England they cannot. America, unlike England, has a constitutively legal culture, finding liberty through law, rather than set-ting liberty against the law, as we tend to do here. There fore a crisis in its legal sys-tem is a crisis in the polity itself. By contrast, on the English side, there are civil and criminal courts, and then, quite separately, there are "condition of England" books which omit all, or prac-tically all, reference to the legal system. I am thinking for example of, say, Joshua Rozenberg's The Search For Justice, or David Rose's In The Name Of The Law; and Will Hutton's The State We're

In, or Peter Hennessy's The Hidden Wirlng. A similar distinction may be drawn between the two countries' literature. The distinction helps explain why we have so few lawyer novels while the US is awash with them. Against Turow, Grisham, Higgins, Patterson, Hillstrom, Coughlin, Dershowitz, who may we place? John Mor-timer? Caro Fraser? Dexter Dias? I think not. The divided profession alone probably makes a British Grisham impossible - which is perhaps one argument in favour of the status quo undiscovered by the literary scholars of the Bar Council.

The distinction also explains why the two major works of satire in the last decade, in England, Jonathan Coe's What A Carve Up!, and in America, William Gaddis's A Frolic Of His Own, have such contrasting fixes on the legal systems of their respec-tive countries. The English legal profession of our time still awaits its satirist.

Though I have mixed feelings about lawyer jokes — how could I not, as a lawyer myself? - they are a welcome distraction from much of what passes for humour in this country. And to add a defence of political correct-ness. Why not laugh at the powerful, for once? We can, after all, look after ourselves. By putting the easy targets beyond reach, political correctness creates a space for they "found their decisions had in witnessing the grand on the Constitution rather (as distinct from the great) diminished, the pompous pricked. While lawyer jokes, when they migrate to Eng-land, lose much of their sting.

simple surrender.

Americans now seem to believe that all issues, however my friends were lawyers."

Blair's taxing times



Martin Kettle

S THE parties squared up to one another over crime this week, we witnessed a paradigm of successful New Labour politics. The Conservatives, believing their own propaganda and ignoring their own unpopular ity, thought Labour would al-ways be vulnerable over an issue like crime. As a result, they got cocky. They thought they could juggle the legislative programme to wrong-foot Labour at will. They thought they could go on running the same scare stories as before. They thought they could get away with a half-way reform on handguns. They underesti-mated the public concern for action on stalking and paedophiles. But Labour, with a post

Dunblane public wind at their backs, have reaped the benefits of the years of rethinking and repositioning. Labour was in the right place at the right time. They, rather than the Tories, spoke for the mass of voters over guns — and now over knives too. They had the right instincts about stalking and paedophiles. They were quick to exploit the Government's procedural miscalculations, appearing generous where the Conser vatives appeared mean-minded. And here is the crucial bit: they have done it without having to ape the

Tories over sentencing.

At the end of a fascinating few days of fluid compat over crime. Labour have therefore proved something which ought to be encouraging on other issues too. They have proved they can take the Conservatives on over a key tra-ditional Tory strength, and win the argument — and win the argument without sacri-ficing their room for manoeuvre in order to do it.

If Labour can do this over crime, a quintessential "Tory issue", then why can they not do the same on other issues on which the Conservatives assume they have a direct line to the instincts of the nation? No inherent reason at all. So why can't Labour do it over the biggest political issue of all - taxation?

Tax is the most important argument currently taking place in the Labour Party. It does not break surface very the person who is rightly nor mally thought of as his closest political ally, the Shadow

Put crudely, the argument is over whether Labour com-mits itself to continuing Tory low-tax policy or not. Blair, by and large, believes Labour has no choice because the alternative would be so un-popular, as 1992 appeared to him to prove. But some of his advisers are pressing that a policy of no increases in personal taxation is not only politically desirable but eco-nomically right and achiev able too.

Brown has long argued that the bottom end of the tax scale can be opened out to create a 15 or 10 per cent income tax band. But he is still holding out for the possi-bility of an increase in the top rate of tax in which those earning over £100,000 a year might pay a 50p rate. The argument between Blair and Brown flared up in the summer, when Blair wanted a "no new taxes" pledge included in the party's draft manifesto. Brown fought him to a draw then, but the issue is now down to the wire, and has to be resolved before the elec-

tion and possibly by the time of the Budget. In a logical world, last week's crime battle would strengthen Brown's case against Blair's. Its lesson would be that it is possible to have a principled argument against Tory orthodoxy about a serious policy issue and win it, without being over-

whelmed by misrepresenta-tions and the tabloid press. Labour did that over crime because it had done the long groundwork when Blair himself was shadow home secretary, because the Conservative policies were not working, and because people will respond to a principled lead if it makes sense. The same groundwork has been done on tax, and the other reconditions exist too. Labour ought therefore to have confidence to stand its ground on tax.

REFORMING government which denies it-self all possibility of higher taxes is not denying itself all possibility of reform, but it is making its own life much harder and conceding a point which it should not concede. If Labour takes the view that no debate about tax pol-icy is legitimate (except a bidding war to offer lower taxes), then it denies itself options, fails to recognise the mood of the times and, even more important, runs away from the possibility of change.

What is at stake here is not the future of Labour in gov-ernment. The amount of money that can be raised by increasing the top rate in the way proposed is not massive and Labour is not planning vast redistributions of wealth anyway. But it is planning some changes, and the amount of income that can be raised by increasing the top rate is not insignificant.

What is also at stake is even more important. It is the right to have an honest debate about the role of again in a couple of tabloids bution of wealth in the cre-yesterday. But it has been ation of the more cohesive rumbling powerfully away in society which Labour wants the places that matter for to create if Blair's advisers months. It is a pivotal argument, it seems to ment because the issue is im- me that that possibility is portant. But it is important lost. For that reason, Brown too because it pits the leader is right to stand firm and of the Labour Party against | Blair ought to back him.

Loathe them or hate them. we can't do without them. So why are lawyers such a laughing stock?

Anthony Julius examines the long-running joke about the most pilloried of professions

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lawyers? For two reasons: the scientists get attached to the rats; and there are some things a rat just won't do. Why does New Jersey have the most toxic-waste dumps, and California the most lawand California the most law-yers? Because New Jersey got first choice. And what is the just the repository of rejected difference between a catfish matter, but actively seeking and a lawyer? One is a scum-out what the rest of us refuse. sucking bottom dweller, and Squalor is their element, the other is a fish.

Squalor is their element.

"Lawyers as animals" jokes

'From the first joke we may infer that lawyers don't have sub-genre of the lawyer joke. the rights (other) human be- We may distinguish between ings enjoy, that they are less sympathetic even than rats. and are utterly immoral. Even

attack violations of their clients rights, quick to protest trespasses, breaches, infringe-ments. And bottomless reserves of indignation give these protests a blinkered vigour. Lawyers are rights-mongers, rights vigilantes. Aggressive champions of their clients, they earn their living, it has been said, by "the sweat

of their browbeating".

Over-representing their cliover-representing their curents, they also, however, exploit them. All lawyers are supposed to do this, the best of them regarding the client's trouble as "an interesting case", the worst of them, as a means of making money. The joke's reversal is to conceive of lawyers as helpless, deprived of any remedy, the exploiters exploited.

From the second joke we

may infer that lawyers are the least attractive neighbours one would wish to have Like the first joke, it gives choices to non-lawyers withheld in real life: rats over lawyers, toxic dumps over lawyers. Hence the humour's utopianism, which conceives of a society that permits such elections, against a reality in which lawyers and dumps are

both inflicted on us. The jokes have this daydream quality that momen-tarily liberates us from daily oppressions. They are minis-ture comedies of the "what if?". But there is also a con-

HY are laboratory verse realism in the second tory rats being joke. Lawyers, like toxic replaced by dumps, are necessary. We dumps, are necessary. We don't like them, but we can't do without them. We just look forward to the day when sub-

stitutes are found. And in the third joke, where the comedy is in the surprise, there is an implica-

are perhaps the commonest We may distinguish between abusive jokes and absurdist jokes. The abusive relate lawyers to the most predatory at the furthest extremities of pain, they defeat pity.

This joke supposes a double reversal of fortune. Lawyers yers? Professional courtesy. forms of animal life. Thus:
why don't sharks bite lawyers? Professional courtesy.
What's the difference between a dead skunk and a dead law-

> The jokes have this daydream quality that momentarily liberates us from daily oppressions

yer in the middle of the road? There are skid marks in front of the skunk. And then there are the absurdist a drive through a "lawyer safar! park", with men and women in suits and briefcases climbin stifts and oriectases climbing all over the car, and the driver admonishing his passengers: "Just stay in the car, keep the doors locked, and try to stay calm!"

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These two kinds of lawyer/
animal joke run counter to
each other. The abusive takes
for granted that lawyers possess the least attractive characteristics of the least attractive of beasts; the absurdist
flows from the comedy of
treating the most sophisticated, urban professionals as
if they were untamed creatures, a part of nature. The
one depends on our ready perception of lawyers as no better than beasts; the other
relies on startling us with just relies on startling us with just this equation.

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at another, broader disdain — one directed also at lawyers' clients (the "scum"). Lawyers are bottom dwellers because they live among criminals; they are scum-suckers because they feed on dirty money from their delinquent clients. And this in turn opens out on to a familiar complaint: lawyers act for the guilty, their task to secure unjust acquittals. (Judge: "Have you a lawyer?" Defen-dant: "I don't need one. I'm

going to tell the truth.") What may we infer from the three jokes, taken together? Principally, I think, that the lawyer is to be regarded as a lawyer to the core; law is a profession in the spiritual, as well as the vocational, sense. He thus describes himself as a lawyer just as another person might describe himself as a Christian. This self-definition carries a heavy price. The profession becomes constitutive of his person. It pene-trates to his very soul; and he thereby loses his soul. We make ourselves ridiculous when we become what we do.
But it's worse for lawyers:
they also make themselves
ridiculous when they claim to
be more than a suit with a timesheet, as in the New Yorker cartoon (one lawyer to another): "I consider myself a passionate man, but, of course, a lawyer first." Only a lawyer would think a passion-ate man could be anything

other than passionate first, second and last. A second inference can also be drawn. Lawyers are meant to help others, not them-selves. Yet they prosper through our calamities; our clouds' silver lining lines their pockets. And we don't like it. Lawyers thus let us down. Worse, they pretend like it. Lawyers thus let us down. Worse, they pretend that they don't, concealing their cupidity and indifference beneath layers of jargon and professional self-esteem.

With the lawyer joke we get rind, skin, juice, pulp...

The catfish joke also hints to fight back. The jokes are another, broader disdain—tiny revenge comedies, each punch line a knock-out. They posing lawyers for what they truly are. And so, the miracle: in the lawyer joke, lawyers suddenly speak the truth: "You have a pretty good case, Mr Smith. How much justice can you afford?" These jokes betray guilty secrets.

Lawyers overcharge, some

times even making us pay for the privilege of being injured by them. And so the joke: "What are your fees?" "£100 to answer three questions." "That's rather steep, isn't it?" "Yes, now what's your third question?" Resolute lawyers will fight cases down to our last penny. So: "How many lawyers does it take to change a light bulb?" "It depends. How many can you afford?" Lawyers are indifferent to their clients' interests, betraying their trust by their preoccupation with reputa-tion, status and money. They never get it right. They betray the client and justice itself.

In his great essay Laughter, the French philosopher Henri Bergson identified the chief characteristics of the "comic professional" thus: "In the forefront we find professional vanity..." The lawyer, for example, cannot imagine how anyone could want to be anything other than a lawyer. And then, there is solemnity: Vanity ... tends to merge into solemnity. In proportion to the degree of quackery there is in the profession." There is professional callousness — for example, a lawyer to his newly-jailed client: "I wish I had walls as thick as this in my apartment." And then there is jargon. A lawyer will teach his son the alleged facts of life. Or, handing an



THIS WEEK'S ESSAYIST, Anthony Julius, is a lawyer and a critic. He is the Litigation Head of Mishcon de Reya, and the author of T S Eliot, Anti-Semitism and Literary Form (CUP, £13.95). This easey is based on a lecture given at University College, London, last Tuesday

For Bergson, we laugh at the professional because he lives by formulae, and by this automatism "gives us the im-pression of being a thing". He is predictable, when human beings should not be; his actions are mere repetitions, when they should be creative; he has taken refuge in stereo-

type, and so earns our scorn. You might protest isn't too much being read into these jokes? Let me respond with two arguments. First, the drive to understand, to fathom, cannot be refused. It is irrepressible and neces-sary. Second, analyse jokes and we analyse our social selves; this leads to greater self-understanding. Laughter is a moment of self-revelation. We make tacit admissions when we laugh; analysis of the jokes that make us laugh uncovers these admissions. It makes the implicit express. When we examine a joke, we

'Vanity tends to merge into solemnity, in proportion to the degree of quackery

examine ourselves. And just as the unexamined life is not worth living, so the unexamined joke is not worth telling. We may find the key to the lawyer joke in Tocqueville's Democracy in America. Tocqueville remarks of American judges that, unlike all satire, mocking the over-privileged, leaving the underprivileged, leaving the underprivileged—for once—in peace. There is always pleasure to be they "found their decisions that in witnessing the grand the constitution of their statements of American statements as a space to the over-privileged—for once—in peace. than on laws". Most political questions that arise are thus, Tocqueville observes, "resolved, sooner or later, into a judicial

sooner or later, into a judicial question". Politicians give way to lawyers, voters to jurors, Congress to courtrom, "ordinary politics" to the "test case". This deference of the Legislature to the Judiciary now approaches Judiciary now approaches simple surrender.

Himachal. Land of the snows. From December to February each year, a deep covering of snow turns Himachal Pradesh into a winter playground: Shimla has its own natural ice-rink; not far away are the ski slopes of Kufri; and for the truly adventurous there is the thrill of helisking on untrammelled powder snow. Why not combine skiing with a visit to Chandigarh, the city created by Le Corbusier in the 1950's as a dramatic vision of India's future. Or spectacular Dharamshala (adopted home of the Dalai Lama) and unspoilt Dalhousie, all nestling peacefully in the foothills of the magnificent Himalayas. An Indian winter: the next best thing to an Indian summer. For a free brochure call 01233 211999 or post this coupon to, India Tourist office, 7 Cork Street, London WIX 2LN. Name Address mona

Rich cargo for a wheeler-dealer

One entrepreneur is making money from Russians who have more roubles than sense, writes JON HENLEY from Helsinki

chicken frankfurters.

Also available: 11,000 pairs of Indonesian plastic shoes. 44,000 packets of finest Ceylon tea and 20 tonnes of Ecuadorian instant coffee. Special offer: 133,000 Indian girls

It may not be your average product line, but this is not your average company. In a novel spin-off from the boom stern exports to postcommunist Russia, Reima Tuomikoski, a wheeler-dealing Finnish entrepreneur, has cornered a lucrative and entirely new market — in the stuff that never gets there.

"It's beginning to get out of hand," Mr Tuomikoski said last week. "Finland says it's the gateway to Russia, but we're actually its warehouse. container loads in the last couple of years, and 20 or 30 new ones get stuck here every

According to Finnish customs, 1,200 containers are stranded in Finnish ports at

wage freeze with one of its main trade unions OeTV, in

exchange for one-off pay-ments and job guarantees,

union, which represents

about a fifth of Lufthansa's

50,000 workers, walked out of

negotiations and will meet

again to try to reach a sepa-rate agreement in November.

The pact between Lufth-ansa and OeTV gives workers a 1.7 per cent raise from April

1998 until December 1998. For

Lufthansa this week they will also receive a profit-agreed an 18-month share payment, provided

OR SALE: 400 tonnes of deep-frozen chicken legs, plus 20 tonnes of chicken frankfurters. vailable: 11.000 pairs of esian plastic shoes, postets of finest Coulon.

Russian importers cannot or will not pay the freight charges. After a year, customs can auction them to pay the shipping company's bill—but not if Mr Tuomikoski egis there first.

gets there first. What usually happens is the Russian pays the manufacturer up front for the goods," he said. "Because the shipping companies know Russian businessmen by now, they bring the stuff here and wait for the freight bill to be

paid.
"In the meantime, of course, the Russian tries to sell the goods to someone else, fails and forgets the whole thing. I look for a new buyer, and pay off the shipping

freight bill and the sale price — minus a few expenses — is Mr Tuomikoski's profit, about which he is exception-ally coy. He will reveal that he sold "distressed goods" worth some \$25 million £16.6 million) last year.

black. Lufthansa also said it will

not cut jobs until after 1998.

Trudbert Merkel, a fund man-

ager at Deka Deutsche Kapita-lanlagegesellschaft, which

has DM47 billion of German

equities under management.
'The situation in the airline

industry is pretty tense and

the pact is appropriate. It amounts to status quo until

April 1998," he added.

Because the goods are not cleared for sale in Finland or

sia, Estonia or Latvia, Some-times — as was the case with 20 tonnes of epoxy paint al-ready four years out of date he finds someone who will take it for free and pockets a ping company, which otherwise would have to get it safely, and expensively.

destroyed.
Occasionally, deals fall through. Sadly, the Stroh brewery of Michigan and leading shipping line OOCL are themselves deciding the fate of 5 million bottles of beer stranded in Kotka port. He also missed out on 3.5 million bottles of vodka this spring when the producer took them

laundering. "Two containers came in last year with fullyclapped-out compressors worth \$3,000, and neither the

As one of the few to benefit

"Those Russians," he said

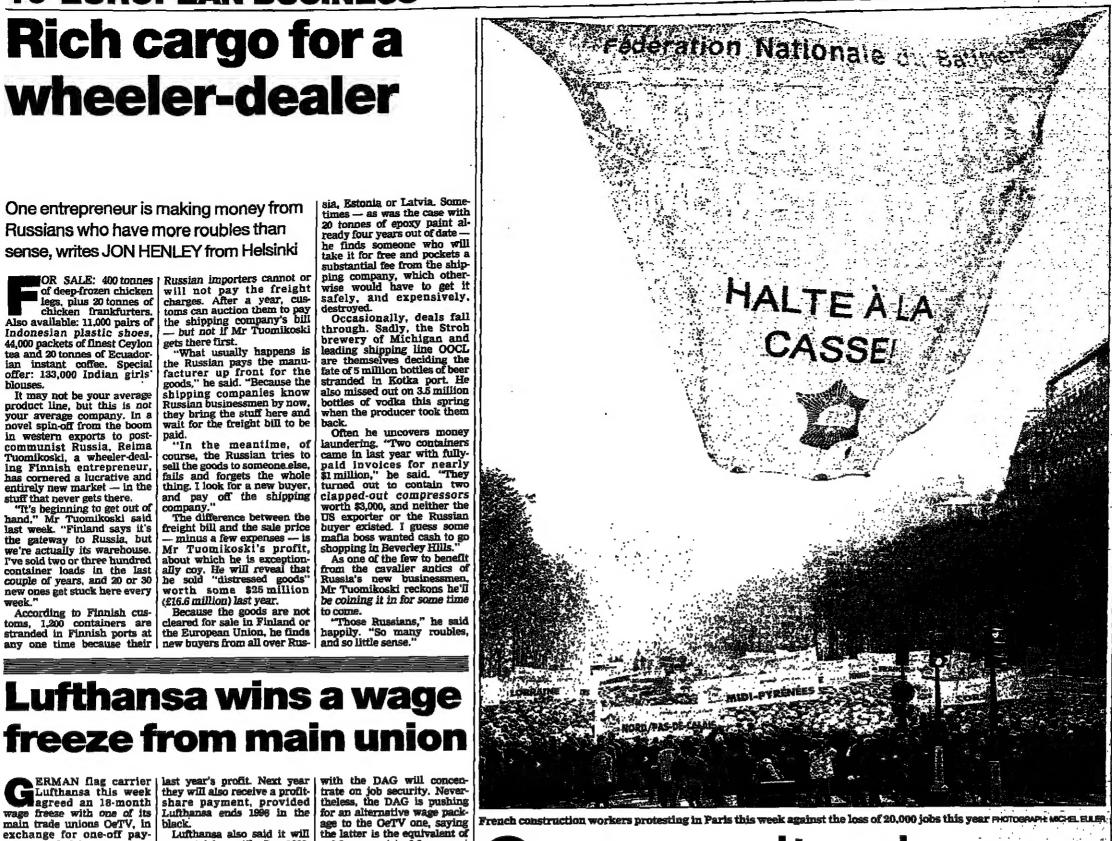
a 0.8 per cent to 0.9 per cent raise over 27 months.

ator. "We want a moderate blanket wage raise from Octo-

ber this year which runs for

Lufthansa's head of personnel, Heiko Lange, said of the talks with the DAG that

"We consider the offer way too low and the length of the agreement too long." said Michael Tarp, a union negoti-



Community shares

leading the fight to cut the European

Government, business and

voluntary partnership enter-

prises are an increasingly im-portant part of the Commis-sion's strategy for local EU

employment agreements.

This will be approved at the Dublin EU summit in Decem-

ber, which has promised new measures to help the jobless. The EBNSC was set up a

year ago with five key

to encourage workers back

into the labour market;

to improve vocational

to create new jobs outside as well as inside the market

to avert redundancies: • to help the most vulnerable

groups in the community.

The companies in the net work accept they have social responsibilities to the wider community as well as their

"The goals you have set yourselves were something of

a wager. But the evidence from the innovative schemes

meeting of the network in

Brussels this week. Denmark, Belgium, Ger-

many and the Netherlands have pioneered the EBNSC

scheme. Danish companies are working with the govern-ment in projects where the

unemployed can bring their social security benefits into

socially useful employment. In the Netherlands, Philips

objectives:

Brussels has a new angle on job creation, reports JOHN PALMER

THE European Busi-people retrain. In Britain, ment. It means thinking ness Network for Kellogg's, which set up its through the changes it will in-Social Cohesion is headquarters in the de-volve for the use of EU and

pressed Trafford district of Manchester, has made its ex-

ecutives available to work

with local bodies to regen-

erate the area. The insurance company, Sedgwick, is run-ning schemes to prepare pris-

oners due for release for em-

ployment, while BT finances the training of unemployed people in the latest electronic

technologies. Marks & Spen-

cer is involved in urban

renewal in northern France.

Although still on a modest

scale, the work of the network

mirrors a call by voluntary

and third sector organisa-

tions for more resources to

generate socially useful em-

ployment. The Association

for Innovative Co-operation

in Europe, which represents voluntary and non-profit

organisations in the EU, be-

lieves such projects could make a massive contribution

to reducing unemployment.

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proaches to providing income

and generating purchasing power will need to be imple-

mented," Liam Doyle of AICE said. "There is a need for

social-capital partnerships to

serve the community." Laws may be needed to provide

funding for projects to rebuild

communities, he added. The EU Commissioner for Social

Affairs, Padraig Flynn, agrees there is huge potential for job

good we have 300 companies

involved. We really need 30,000 to make the kind of im

pact we all want," he said

Corporate profitability is

nies recognise they have a

responsibility and a role to

play which goes beyond ques-tions of competitiveness in

Trade unions agree.

believe meeting unfilled human needs must be a very

important part of a wider strategy to deal with the

the market place."

"We should look to a post-

Gehe delays its retort

EHR. Europe's biggest pharmaceutical wholesaler, is refas largest pharmaceutical chain, Lloyds Chemists

Although its British rival Unichem, launched a new £657 million cash and German firm "Is not in a panic", said chief executive Dieter Kämmerer yester-day. We are still unde-cided as to whether we will

Earlier this mouth both groups were given the green light by the Department of Trade and Industry to make new offers for Lloyds after showing they were prepared to sell parts of its wholesale operations. Lloyds shares have aleady risen to 515.5p in anticipation of a new offer from Gehe, which has until early next month to make

up its mind. Mr Kämmerer yes its previous offer, even though parts of the whole-sale division will have to be sold in keeping with the

Lloyds, with the undertak-ings, has the same value as Lloyds six months ago," said Mr Kämmerer. Gehe's

prefer an all-cash offer to Unichem's combined

Gehe is already active in the British market. In May 1995, it bought the British chemists chain AAH, giving

In recent years it has Europe through a string of acquisitions, and is now one of the biggest Euro pean pharmaceutical wholesalers with almost 100 subsidaries in 16

countries. This year Mr Kämmerer crease of 7 per cent to DM20.5 billion (£8.4 billion) and record pre-tax earnings

DM400 million. Recently the German group, which is controlled by the trading and services conglomerate Franz Haniel turing subsidaries in order to concentrate on its core handy DM1.2 billion in the process to help fund future

Union's 20 million jobless. Lufthansa is "confident we the current year, workers will Lufthansa shares were un changed at DM20.3 in recent will be able to clear up un-A coalition of some 300 comreceive a one-off payment of panies, the European Com-mission, and local and regional European Union ausolved issues and come to an plus a DM500 (£205) share of thorities, the group aims to create jobs by backing socially useful employment pro-





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volve for the use of EU and-national public spending and insuring that the jobs we cre-ate are decent jobs, and not a

backdoor road to a deregu-lated labour market," said

Peter Coldrick, of the Euro-

tion in Brussels.

pean Trade Union Confedera-

Some companies remain

sceptical and insist that jobs

can only come from increased

competitiveness. They fear

that voluntary support for socially useful employment

projects may turn into a new

form of tax on business. But,

with unemployment at levels

which impede recovery and

might even threaten mone-

tary union, business leaders increasingly recognise the old

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Utilities in bid frenzy

ID fever returned to the utilities sector yesterday despite the decision by the Trade and Industry Secretary, Ian Lang, to block competing takeovers for South West Water.

City punters were speculating that water groups, blocked from bidding for their peers, would turn to bids for the remaining inde-pendent regional electricity companies.

American utility groups Houston Industries and Duke Power were again reported to be considering multi-billion bids for UK power companies. Mr Lang, who has waved through mergers between local water and electricity groups, yesterday blocked proposed takeover bids for. South West Water by fellow water groups Severn Trent and Wessex Water.

East Midlands Electricity, whose shares rose 46p to 562p, emerged as the prime take-over target among the utili-ties — on the grounds that Severn Trent, deprived of easy gains by acquiring SWW, would turn its attention to its local electricity

A Severn Trent spokesman

deal leaves Pet

with more than

THREE founder directors

of Pet City, the 50-strong

pet superstore chain, are

set to share more than £50 million after selling the

firm yesterday to the US group PRTSMART. The £150 million offer is more

than double the £78 million

price Pet City floated at last

Glies Clarke, the British

firm's chief executive and a founder of Majestic Wine

Warehouses, and Richard Northcott, the chairman

and a key mover in the Dodge City DIY chain, will

each scoop some £20 million once the £150 million

deal goes through. Roger Pedder, the third director,

is set to make nearly

will receive PRTsMART

shares in exchange for

their holdings. The three

directors are obliged under

the terms of the deal to

retain their stakes for some

six months — until after the US firm publishes a set

The new group plans a

rapid European expansion. In the UK, Pet City — which

aiready has a further 50 stores on the way — will be boosted by another 200 shops, and plans to open 1,000 branches on the Con-

210 million.

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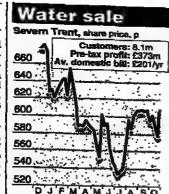
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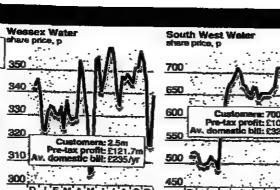
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said the group would consider its options. But he played down the likelihood of any immediate bid for the elec-tricity company. "Our direc-tors are still too busy grinding their teeth in fury," he

Mr Lang accepted the Mo-nopolies Commission argu-ment that a takeover of SWW by another water company would be "against the public interest".

The MMC said that effective regulation of the in-dustry depended upon Ian Byatt, the director general of Ofwat, being able to make suf-ficient comparisons between separate water companies. SWW shares plunged 1331/sp



customer base, com-

bined with the cost of a huge

popular tourist beaches,

means that SWW's charges are the highest in the

country. The rebate will make only a small dent in bills aver-

aging £329 a year.

Average bills in the neigh

bouring Wessex region work out at £235 a year while Sev-ern Trent charges an average

There had been speculation

that the bids would be given

clearance, if the bidders

reduced charges by as much as 20 per cent over a five-year

period. Severn Trent chief ex-

of just £201 annually.

to 570p as the prospect of a bid battle disappeared. Consumers in the south-west saw their hopes of big price cuts Both hidders had promised

to reduce prices. But the MMC said the loss of SWW as an independent company would permanently damage the regulatory system and that any price cuts would be transito

SWW greeted Mr Lang's de-cision by announcing a £15 rebate to its 700,000 customers, to be paid in June next year, and a 20.4 per cent rise in interim dividends to But consumers were left un-

impressed. The company's

ecutive Vic Cocker said that Jessica Thomas, chair-

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woman of Ofwat's customer service committee for the South-west, said the rebate was welcome but did not go far enough. She would be press ing for more further reductions. The problem in this region

is that bills are half as much again as elsewhere in the country. Parts of the region ere among the poorest in Britain. For some people this means they pay 10 per cent of their income on water bills."

SWW, due to announce its interim figures next month, said the rebate reflected the "substantial efficiencies"

made by its water services

programme of capital spend-ing to clean up bathing waters around Britain's most company this year.
"Despite the distraction caused by the proposed bids, we have made major strides in increasing the efficiency of our core water business and carefully growing our non-regulated businesses," SWW chairman Keith Court said.

Finance director Ken Hill said efficiencies were now coming through from a restructuring programme that had reduced the utility company workforce from 2,300 to 1,800. He said there were no plans for any further major restructuring.

Grid accepts price plan

HE National Grid Group which runs Britain's high-voltage power network, yesterday averted a showdown with industry reg-ulator Stephen Littlechild to cut consumers' electricity bills by about £4 a year.

Its board accepted Profes-sor Littlechild's "tough pro-posals" rather than have the issue referred to the Monopo lies Commission. The group expects to have to reduce costs by just under £1 billion over four years, to keep within price limits which come into effect in April.

City sources expect that the group will have to cut more deeply into its 3,500 workforce, axing 800 jobs rather than the 500 already planned.

Prof Littlechild, director general of Offer, at first made proposals that would have forced the Grid to cut costs by about £1.25 billion. Its chief executive David Jones branded them as "ill-founded and unprecedently harsh". In-stitutional investors protested, and some wanted the group to reject Offer's proposals — which were then slightly modified.
The National Grid share

price rose 5p to 179p.

Notebook

EMU rate road may go uphill



Mark Milner

■HE assumption that a single currency will mean lower interest rates for those taking part is gathering strength. In a letter published in the Financial l'imes yesterday, for example, the Italian ambassador, Paolo Galli, argued: "... with monetary union, this reduction [in interest rates] is automatic."

Certainly, claims that the single currency will bring lower interest rates is a key point for those prepared to argue the case for monetary union on economic rather than political grounds. But will rates actually be lower once currencies have been inrevocably linked, be that at the beginning of 1999 or at a

Those who believe rates will come down can draw comfort from what has hap-pened to Italian bond yields ince the financial markets took on board not just the de-termination of the Italian authorities to be ready for "first wave" membership but also the ability of the governing coalition to deliver the mes sures needed to achieve it. Net yields on Italian Treasury bonds have fallen from more than 10 per cent in March to around 8.6 per cent.

If monetary union does take place on time, it is likely that the financial markets, per-haps stunned by the achievement it would represent, would allow the new currency and its associated interest rate regime something of a honeymoon period. But let us pause a moment

One country unlikely to enjoy lower interest rates from EMU is Germany. If anything the risk for Germany is on the upside because the new European Central Bank is unlikely to have greater market credi bility than the Bundesbank. eed, the hopes for lower rates for other members of the single currency union are pinned on the markets accepting the ECB as a Bundesbank clone, determined to be as flercely anti-inflationary as the German central bank. After all, German interest rates are lower than in other European countries because the inflation risks there are perceived to be lower.

If EMU is achieved by politically motivated tinkering with the criteria — except the one on exchange rate mechanism membership — or if there are any doubts about post-EMU economic behaviour, the honeymoon will be one of the shortest on record be left to repent higher, not lower, interest rates at

Stemming the flow

RADE and Industry Secretary lan Lang's deci-sion to block the rival has, no doubt, disappointed both the company's shareholders and its customers. Shareholders saw the share

price plunge by almost a fifth after Mr Lang's decision; cus-tomers will have to forgo the lower costs offered by rival bidders Wessex and Severn Trent. The increased dividends and rebates promised

News in brief

by South West Water are only nodest compensation.

The scale of the slump in price, down by more than 130p, indicates the extent to which Mr Lang's decision caught the City on the hop. Although the Monopolies Commission had recom-mended blocking the bid, the City has become so used to Mr Lang nodding through utilities takeovers that it expected nothing else in this

For once, however, Mr Lang has decided against a laissez-faire approach. It could be argued that, given the infrastructure needed to supply them, water, gas and electricity are natural monopolies. In the cases of gas and electricity, however, that argument has been lost.

But, as far as the water industry is concerned. Mr Lang has accepted that the regula-tor needs a critical mass of separately quoted companies in order to be able to make effective comparisons as to ef-

ficiency and competitiveness.
The decision does not mean a ring fence round water companies. Analysts are already speculating about further link-ups between water and electricity companies. But at the least Mr Lang has signalled that the acquisition of water companies by their peers will be subject to the most rigorous scrutiny. He is surely right to have done so.

Santa Clarke

HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke is clearly enjoy-ing the new "zip" he detects in the economy, and with good reason. Latest quarterly figures for gross do-mestic product suggest that he will meet his growth forecast, while the trade gap is narrowing.
On the economic front, his

olggest worry is, probably, the Bank of England's nagging concern that interest rates should go up to head off any incipient inflationary pressures. Mr Clarke can expect a further reminder that inflation is not dead when he meets the Bank's governor, Eddie George, in the coming

Mr Clarke's job, especially at this time of the year and most definitely at this stage of the election cycle, is highly political. Next month he will have to unveil his last Budget before the general election. If he can produce a decisively vote-winning strategy, the Conservative Party will beeven if he then sets off in the direction of Europe.

Mr Clarke is already show ing signs of his political awareness. In typically ro-bust language, the Chancellor insisted yesterday that his Budget would not be a "pre-election Christmas tree". Fiscal rigour is not be sacrificed on the altar of political expe-

diency. Mr Clarke could argue that such a stance is sound eco-nomic management. It also has a political pay-oil. The inevitably tricky public spending round should be completed by now so Mr Clarke is unlikely to be using his hard-line stance to lean on recalcitrant spending minis-

But, in playing down expectations of Budget goodles in the run-up to delivery on No-vember 26, Mr Clarke is able to foster his image as a res-ponsible Chancellor while at likely impact of any handfrom his bran tub.

delights Clarke

HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke last night were comed a new "zip" in the economy as latest figures suggested that he was on course to hit his growth target this year and provided a positive background for his November 26 budget calcula-

According to officials, GDP rose 0.8 per cent in the three months to September compared with the previous quarter and 2.3 per cent year on year. The economy has grown by 12.4 per cent since the trough of the first quarter in 1992, just before the last gen-

eral election.

Much of the improvement was due to a pick-up in manufacturing output, and latest trade data, also published yesterday, indicated that demand was rising abroad as well as at home. Britain's trade gap narrowed in August to 20.6 billion, half of the deficit

recorded in July.

Although preliminary figures showed the trade gap with non-EU countries widening in September to 20.9 billion, officials estimated that the deficit with the whole world would con-

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picked up. Mr Clarke said: "The growth figures confirm that there is a new zip in the economy. We are well on course to grow faster than France and Germany for the fourth consecutive year. "The trade figures show

how competitive the UK econ-

omy now is.

"Healthy growth, low inflation and a good trade performance is a position few Chancellors have been able to enjoy in my lifetime."

Although Treasury officials said the economy was now growing above the trend rate of about 0.6 per cent each quarter, they insisted the in-crease was "comfortable" be-cause there was still unused capacity among manufactur-

The summer economic fore-cast target of 2.5 per cent GDP this year was within reach provided the economy grew by another 1 per cent in the final quarter, they said.

City analysts said the pickup in GDP was not enough to force Mr Clarke to heed Bank of England calls for a rise in base rates to guarantee the Government's inflation target of 2.5 per cent.

impose the penalties, based on findings by its competition department, at its weekly meeting on Wednes-

Economic 'zip' Hollick to buy 20 per cent of HTV

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Swallowed up . . . a Burmese python prepares to meet its new American owners

PRESH wave of bid spec-ulation swept across the media sector yesterday after Lord Hollick's United News & Media group an-nounced a deal to buy Scot-tish Television's near-20 per cent stake in the Wales and west England broadcaster, HTV.

An option deal will allow United to take over the holding in a year's time at 420p a share — valuing the stake a

United, which already owns Anglia TV and 77 per cent of Meridian as well as Express Newspapers, said it regards the Blenheim exhibitions

the stake as an "investment" and that it has no plans to make a bid for the rest of HTV. Under City takeover rules, this precludes United from launching a takeover for at least 12 months, although it would be free to join the battle for control of HTV if another bidder were to show

its hand City analysts see the deal as a defensive move by Lord Hol-lick, pre-empting a takeover of HTV by United's key broadcasting rival Cartlon Commu-nications, which is said to have baulked at Scottish Television's asking price. It comes just a fortnight after United paid £593 million to take over

group. A clause in the option deal stipulates that if United sells the stake for more than the 420p exercise price, the profit will be shared with STV. Shares in HTV, long seen as a bid target, particularly for Carlton, jumped 12p to 3851/2p.

A move by Scottish to rid itself of "non-core" assets had een expected since news earlier this month that the broadcaster is moving deci-sively into print media with the £120 million takeover of Caledonian Newspapers, publishers of the Glasgow Herald. Scottish is also selling its 5 per cent stake in ITN, the news network, to United for £750,000.

United has to sell a portion of this stake on to another buyer, such as Reuters, to keep the group below a 20 per cent threshold.

Meridian TV is a geographi-cal neighbour of HTV. "We think we can get the benefits without a full bid." a United There is already common ground and co-operation

between us and now we have a stake we can discuss how to build on that relationship." The initial focus is likely to be on centralising the sale of advertising airtime across Anglia, Meridian and HTV through United's TSMS sales

Five ferry firms face fares cartel fines

Punishment to be more than symbolic, reports Julie Wolf in Brussels

co AND Stena, which this month unveiled plans to many plans to merge their cross-Channel operations, are among a group of five ferry operators expected to be fined by the European Commission this week for allegedly operating a price cartel in 1992.

The commission is due to

day. In addition to P&O and Stena-Sealink, the case involves Brittany Ferries, Sea France and North Sea Ferries. P&O has rejected the ellegations. According to commission

sources, the five companies agreed in 1992 to impose a surcharge on cross-chann freight shipments to com-pensate for the effects of sterling's devaluation. The surcharge was to cover the higher costs faced by the companies after the pound's exit from the ex-change rate mechanism in

September 1992 and its decline in value against other However, according to commission sources, after bout two months the com-

panies began offering sioner Karel Van Miert last rebates to offset the sur- year imposed fines totalcharge. The commission launched its lengthy investigation after a complaint from the Freight Transport Association. The associa-tion later said that full competition had been

restored to the routes.

Although the size of the fines will not be decided until just before the commission meets, the sources said they would be "more than symbolic". Nevertheless, given that it is alleged the cartel lasted only lasted a short time, the penalties are unlikely to be in the same league as the hefty fines imposed in recent high-profile cartel cases. Competition Commisyear imposed fines total-ling nearly £400 million. In an attempt to encourage companies to co-operate with EU investigations, be has offered to reduce penal-ties for whistle-blowers.

The commission's deci sion to pursue the ferry case, even though the al-leged cartel lasted just a short time, is another sign of this crackdown. However, critics argue that KU investigators should be concentrating on bigger anti-trust cases.

The commission has the power to fine companies up to 10 per cent of their turnover for breaking EU rules outlawing agreements that restrict competition.

day after USAir announced it Minerva plans to go public

erty group with assets worth more than £400 million, is to seek a listing on the London Richard Branson's low-cost airline, Virgin Express, said it would offer a standard Stock Exchange, probably through an institutional

placing.
The company, founded in 1988 by developers David Gar-rard and Andrew Rosenfeld. will use the proceeds to strengthen its balance sheet and to buy a property in Lon-don's Wigmore Street from Ladbroke for £37 million. Lacing up Lenci Some 45 per cent of its property portfolio is in the West End of London and a further 35 per cent in Greater Lon-don.

BA in court clash British Airways yesterday clashed with USAir in a New

York courtroom as the UK carrier asked for the dismissal of anti-trust charges brought by its estranged part ner. BA lawyers argued that its proposed marketing alli-ance with American Airlines has yet to win US government approval and the courts were being asked to rule on "something not yet operational". The hearing took place the and frequent-flyer pro-grammes with BA from the end of March.

taxes on its London-Brussels service which starts tomorrow. Virgin Express is taking over Belgian carrier Sabena's nine daily services between Heathrow and Brussels.

Peter Black Holdings, the health-care, beauty and fashion products manufacturer, is to buy 75 per cent of Italian footwear designer Lenci for up to £11 million. The initial consideration is £7.4 million, with a further £3.6 million de-

Littlewoods recruits James Ross, the new chairman of Littlewoods, the privately owned high street retailer, has drafted in two high-profile non-executive di-rectors to bolster the board. They are David Simons, chief executive of recently floated Somerfield, and Dalgety fi-

nance director John Martyn.



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"As I was puzzling over the

said was this: "Vote him a ret-

rospective pay bonus."
On the basis of this rather

specific advice, the board did

just that and, hey presto, the

disappeared and the money

was safely stashed away. God.

So much for preferential

treatment of the poor. As one pensions adviser said: "It

would be nice if God could tell

poor people how to get a de-cent pension of any sort."

Of course, not all the esti mated 250,000 business people who attend church are in

search of the kind of immediate help Mr Michell enjoys.

But there is an emerging desire among Christians and people of other faiths to relate their beliefs to the daily nine-

One. Taxman, Nil.

Corporate charismatics are on the rise. Their rewards? Cadillacs and converts. Some say the company can replace the Church as a moral arbiter. RICHARD THOMAS and, below, MARK TRAN in New York report

ETER Michell, an | shift the money into a per accountant, opens sky and focuses on the middle distance. "Shala mallakin, bolo-shanka belalla, belalla, malakai," he says. Or at least it sounds like that — he is speaking in tongues, lend-ing the Holy Spirit his vocal cords for a few moments. Mr Michell is one of a grow-

ing group of businessmen in Britain who bring their faith to work. Admittedly, speaking in tongues has not yet helped with any auditors, but for those who might scoff at his charismatic brand of Christianity, Mr Michell has concrete examples of how God has helped his accountancy practice.

"Once, someone rang me for insolvency work and in the other ear God was saying: He won't pay you.' So I in-sisted on a written guarantee of payment." But the man did not pay anyway. "I should have listened to God," Mr Michell says, rather wistfully.

On another occasion the Lord, in His role as unpaid consultant to Mr Michell's practice, surpassed Himself. A client with 21 million in company pensions had a He wanted to retire, but would do relatively badly

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Lord Griffiths - who was economic adviser to Mrs Thatcher from 1985 until her downfall in 1990 and is now an adviser on international issues at Goldman Sachs and a director of a clutch of transatlantic companies - offers a sophisticated business school-friendly version of the way God can help Goldmans and

other companies. He believes that religious rates picked up.
Unfortunately, the Inland
Revenue prevents people with
"overfunded" occupational
pensions — those with more ues - trust, human dignity, empowerment - which happily coincide with best management practice: "Values aren't just about doing your bit for the local community or fretting about the environment. They are absolutely central to the bottom line."

Lord Griffiths reckons this problem, the Lord spoke to me in a clear voice," says Mr is especially true of labour-in-Michell. And what the Lord tensive service sector firms. where commitment to a common corporate goal is essential. "Cleaning floors isn't rocket science. So how do you get people to do it more productively? By offerclient's average salary went up, the overfunding problem ing them dignity and hope."

> a US firm, has taken people from cleaning the floor through an MBA course, he says. Treating people well is not only good for profits, it is also biblically required. "We have to give people dignity because we are created, not random occur-rences." Such values, he says, have driven the success of ABB, Canon. 3M and Andersen Consulting.

Of course, companies built to-five. While the Catholic on such Christian values are bishops wade noisily into the not new. Lord Griffiths points political arena, a clutch of to Cadburys, Rowntree and

Christian businessmen are | WH Smith as examples of bibquietly injecting God into the | lically-grounded firms which pioneered models of corpo-rate welfare, providing decent homes, education and health care, and receiving loyalty and trust from their workers

> Notions of mutual trust are becoming big in economics too, with gurus such as Francis Fukuyama highlighting the way bonds of religion and blood have helped Asian firms to prosper.

Andrew Britton, a former adviser to the Chancellor, says new "stakeholder" analyses offer some overlap be-tween theology and the econo-"There are economic models for trust, and within shouting distance of what Christians say." All of which has a cosy ring, but in spite the efforts of

so far made limited inroads in corporate Britain. The firms he applauds are exceptions to the rule in a low-wage, hireand-fire, contract culture. Most executives keep Jesus and his lefty-sounding ideas out of the boardroom.

Or at least while they are still in it. Peter Challen, who has spent most of his working life in a south London industrial mission, says: "It is amazing how many CEOs take themselves off on retreat when they retire. They sud-denly acquire a broader social and political vision."

Tesco, however, knows a business opportunity when it sees one, and the group has invited the Salvation Army to conduct Sunday schools in its stores. Even the new-look steepled Tesco stores look uncannily like churches. As a

Tesco spokesman explains: "At the end of the day, we are in the same business: super-

Indeed, in a society with falling church rolls, some places of worship. Lord Grifthis: "At a time when the traditional institutions which were the sources of values in our society the corporation, by default, has become an important source and communicator of values."
Mr Michell sees business as

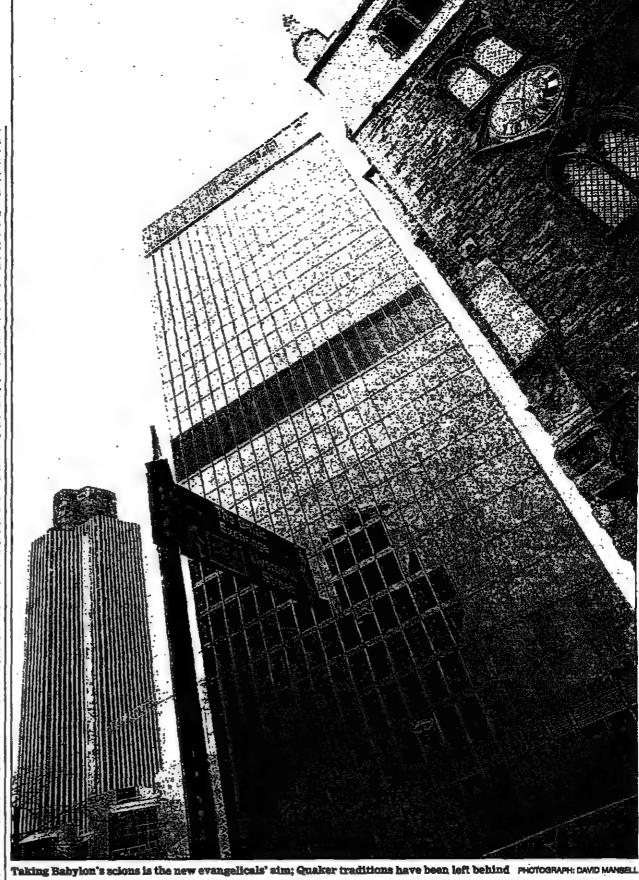
fertile ground for conversion. "If I have a client who is a non-Christian, I am on the Jesus in. Many of them are in trouble." He reckons to have saved as many as 60 souls simply by trawling his local business community. Along the way, he has also healed a case of incurable deafness. He has little time for liberal notions of equality among religious harassment." | minimum wages, employ- think you have to see it in a faiths. "Once I asked God if I | Lord Griffiths, too, says ment protection or works | morally driven way. Passing

choreographed spectacle celebrating femininity and

At Mary Kay, founded in 1963 by Mary Kay Ash, money and Christian ethics

go together. The core phi-

ophy has always been



Two weeks later, the Jewish client was a Christian client. Mr Britton is wary of this approach. "It is our responsi-bility to share our faith — but it shouldn't be a marketing exercise. You can't force it on people. It would be a bit like

Mary Kay, the cosmet-ics company based in Dallas, Texas, is a carefully suitants", who sell directly follow Mary Kay Ash's

to consumers in their

Ms Ash attributes the cos-

metics firm's success to its initial decision to "take

God as our partner", and says that the company con-

tinues to attract "spiri-

using their position of eco-nomic power to evangelise: "Jews, Muslims, even humanists could happily sign up to the values which I believe make companies successful." He also warns against politi-cians using laws to try to en-force these values through sexual harassment, except

treat you.

golden rule: treat others as you would want them to

Ms Ash continually reminds her consultants

that it is better to give than

to receive and she does put

her money where her

mouth is. This year consul-tants gave \$518,575 to can-

cer research.
Among Ms Ash's favourite May Kay pins is a gold-

plated brooch depicting two costs.

Jesus wants me for a capitalist

should lead a Jewish client to that business leaders have a councils: "The market itself, a new Companies Act lan't Christ — and he said yes." responsibility to refrain from it turns out, supports good the answer." the answer."
And so long as the market values. If you want to produce good service, you have to adopt good values."

is driving up executive sals-This is why economists who urge the adoption of a stakeholder society are getting it wrong, according to Lord Griffliths. "This is a quasi-legal approach, and I

shovels. "The shovels sym-

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ewellery, pink Cadillacs

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on top salespeople, but that

will change at this year's awards. The company, which does not test its

products on animals, will no longer give away fur

problems either — notwith-standing biblical teachings about rich men, camels and eyes of needles. "It is per-fectly possible to be well-off and to live non-ostentantiously," he says. "It is not the money as such, it is how you use it."

Mr Challen disagrees. "The gap between the rich and the poor is absolutely appalling,

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and a structural tear in our society," he says. "Western, elitist, market-takes-all approaches amount to a deser-tion of the vulnerable. You can't think about these issues without getting into political

the lives of others comes back into your own," she writes in her new book, Mary Kay: You Can Have it All. "God gives back to you it his big showal" All of which leaves Mr Mi-chell cold. He simply does not think about which, if any, reforms need to be made to management style, political ideals or economic struc-

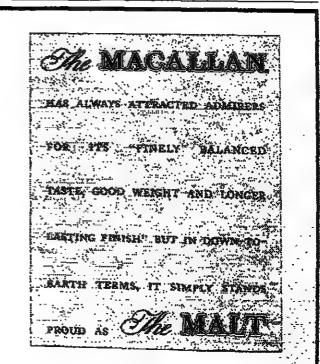
> "I don't equate an ethical code or legal position with my faith," he says. "At the end of the day, there is no real alter-native to a living relationship

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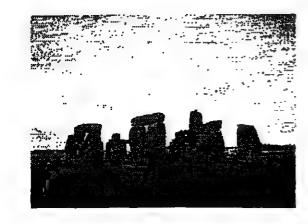
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"God first, family second, career third". The mix of faith and facials brought in more than \$950 million (£597.4 million) last year. Mary Kay sells its cosmet-





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The Guardian



America goes to the polls in 10 days. But this year no one seems to care. Jonathan Freedland says it's because the Big Idea is dead

Politics for sceptics

nation fills the world's most pow-erful office. The Washington edition of TV Guide made cover stars out of Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, but outside that political hothouse

but outside that political hothouse it was the lovely Brooke. The magazine reckoned a picture of the candidates simply wouldn't sell.

Smart move. These may be the final days of the election of 1996, but America has tuned out. In Los Angeles, they're watching OJ Simpson 2, the civil trial sequel. In New York and Atlanta, they're following not Clinton v Dole but Yankees v Braves in the baseball World Series. In Florida, they're worried about a mini-race rhot that erupted on Thursday night. that crupted on Thursday night.
News bulletins which begin at
6.30pm don't get to the election

until 6.50pm. Pollsters report only 24 per cent of Americans are fol-lowing the election very closely, compared with 42 per cent in 1992. Bob Dole is reduced to crying out in frustration. "Wake up, Amer-ical" he implement on Thursday, furious that the country is sport furious that the country is snooz ing through this election. "I wonder sometimes what people are thinking about — if people are thinking at all," he said.

thinking at all," he said.
You can hardly blame him. The ignorance is terrifying: one in 10 US adults does not know that Bill Clinton is the Democratic nominee, one in four cannot name his running mate. "When it comes on TV. I flip the channel," says Phyllis Green, 36, of suburban Washington, speaking for the millions who switched off this year, giving the three TV debates half their 1992 audience. The Village Voice puts it with typical New York directness: "Not even politics junkles can get

"Not even politics junkles can get it up for this one." The battle of 1996 is fast becom-

ing the campaign that never was. In a normal year, late October is the season of front-lawn signs, bumper stickers and heated rows in the office. The airwaves are clogged and the nation heaves

the horserace. But this year's race has been a gentle canter for a president who's been in front since Christmas and a painful plod for a challenger who's never once cleared the 40 per cent fence in the polls.

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of their seats, just to see who wins

Even the usual dramatic highpoints have been flatter than a prairie. There were no internecine floorfights at the conventions, and not a single memorable line in the face-to-face debates.

The campaign that wasn't ... one of few Americans to enthuse PHOTOGRAPH: PHILIP JONES GRIPPITHE/ MAGNUM

Kennedy". In 1996, the closest thing to a zinger came when Bill

walls, and according to a survey this week, 98 per cent are conclud-ing that Bob Dole is toast. "Can we get this election over with already," begged the conservative Weekly Standard. Turnout, always pitifully low in US elections, is set to plunge lower — perhaps dipping below the 50 per cent mark for the first time since 1924.

How has this happened in a country which regards itself as the world's greatest democracy? How can this, the Olympics of international elections — held every four years, and always a In 1980 Ronald Reagan skewered
Jimmy Carter just by shaking his
head and scolding "There you go
again". In 1988, Lloyd Bentsen
humbled Dan Quayle by reminding him that he was "no Jack"

How can this, the Olympics of international elections — held every four years, and aiways a spectacular — have so evaporated?

There are good, political answers to those questions. But there is also a deeper*

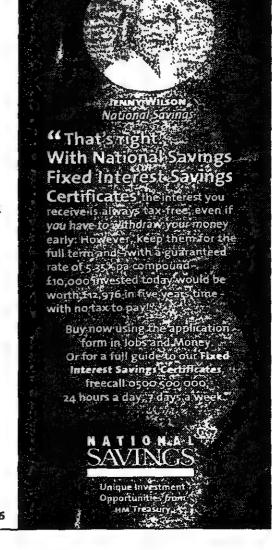


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was sold at Philips.

3. (b) Napoleon, a collection of whose wit and wisdom was unearthed by Russian

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dent, "an enthusiastic but limited" golfer, claimed to have shot an 83 on a course is

Albuquerque.
5. The police. This new helmet is part of a

redesigned uniform due to be introduced next year. 8. Puppets Wallace and Gromit, whose

or Nick Park left them in a cab.

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7. Liz Hurley and Hugh Grant, who are leaving Beverly Hills for Paris.
8. Training sessions with Stockport

Training sessors with a processor to the County FC, now available on the NHS at the usual prescription rate of £5.50.
 The BBC's Sportsnight was axed after 30 years, while Offict announced a midweek lottery draw.

Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, who

announced that he was defecting to

11. (b) The Romanian National Opera's production of Alda at the Albert Hall,

halted by leather-crist gay protesters.

12. (a) Princess Diana
13. (c) Eric Cantona, reflecting in his new autobiography. Cantona on Cantona.

14. God. The others said they were sup-

porting Labour; in God's case we only have Tony Blair's word for it.

for the moral high ground.

How you rate 0-4 Burn in hell 5-9 Repent 10-14 Pray for us

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15. (c) John Major, continuing the battle

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The global view

The appointment of Judge Ismail Mahomed as chief justice is an example of affirmative action with which one could not reasonably quarrel. The appointment of a black chief justice was an important step in legitimising a judicial system historically identified in black minds with white rule. Johannesburg daily newspaper,

 ★ The Right Honorable
 ★ The Baroness Thatcher, as her proper title goes, speak in the Loreine C Dietrich distinguished lectureship series. She

was a most gracious speaker, at times humorous, but always refined. Baldwin City Ledger, Kansas, on Lady Thatcher's visit to rededicate a chapel in which her father once preached, which has been transported from

Sproxton, Leicestershire, to

Baker University, US

You would be surprised, Yitzhak. but Netanyahu is now Arafat's friend. Tomorrow or the day afterward, we will redeploy from Hebron. We murdered you, Yitzhak Rabin, You won, Yltzhak Rabin. Israeli daily , Yediot Ahronoth, on the anniversary of the

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The British view

The crisis at The Ridings School has been dragged into the clare of a national spotlight. The school has become the focus for a nutional debate over issues of school discipline, standards of parenting and Hatifax Evening Courier

Teenagers in the region are taking muscleenhancing steroids on to the dancefloors. That's the claim of drugs worker John Baines. "You had a . certain group of users such as body-builders, but more recently, younger people are turning to them. People going to raves are taking drugs to

dance and also taking steroids to look good while they are dancing.*

Sunderland Echo

The prospect of the gun The prospect of the gu lobby fielding candi-dates in Wales at the general election is continuing the long trend of single issue politicians. But just how effective are they? It is one thing to campaign for what you believe in. but another to do so in the face of deep grief. Now in Wales we face the possibility of gun lobby candidates in marginal seats. Just because the tragedy happened hun-dreds of miles away, is the sensibility of the Welsh any weaker than the Scots?



he little doubt that things mere better then. But when commentators tried to give hard evidence, the Golden Age game lost its appeal. The arguments were so contradictory that they

The crime figures, when examined, were clear.
Recorded crime was low in the 1950s, and rose steeply from the start of the 1960s. entil 1990. But problems of interpretation soon logged neally risen or fallen? The fairest ánswer was proje Depends, really Criminologists deter-

mined to put the issue in perspective (or waft a little more log) raised the

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opera production? (a) Götterdämmerung (b) Alda (c) Peter Grimes

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agher, Mick Hucknall, God. The odd one out?

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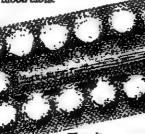
A bitter pill not to swallow

This week last year October 20, 1995

YEAR ago, the contraceptive pill I was tak-ing, Marvelon, was one of seven brands cited by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines as carrying a higher risk of causing blood clots than was thought. I was one of 1.5 million women advised to see their GPs to discuss changing to an older, perhaps safer, and certainly cheaper brand. It was unexpected and confusing news: the brands accused were the third generation pills, previously offered by GPs as the safest available. It was a slow news

week; the scare and controversy filled pages for all over the country. Many GPs were furious that. although they should have been alerted by the Cascade system of mass faxing, many heard the news from the media or from patients.

Manufacturers of the "dangerous" brands were angry and some threatened the CSM with legal action as sales fell. Professor Gerald Spitzer, author of one of the reports on which the warming was based, professed horror at the way it was handled: "I have never been as outraged as I am now about the misuse of five years of my life's work," he said. The Department of Health's hotline received 2.000 calls in 24 hours; surgeries were chaotic; jour-nalists interviewed all the women they could find who had survived pill-related



Then it was forgotten. I forgot about it, usual, because of the after changing brands. But, for many of the women who panicked and stopped taking the pill altogether, consequences were far-reaching. The British Pregnancy Advisory Service carried out 823 more abortions between December 1995 and February 1996 than in the same period last year, even though

abortion figures overall are

declining. It estimates that

around 4,000 abortions have been carried out as a direct result of the pill scare.

THE GOOD

OLD DAYS

And there were the babies. Last summer saw a significant boom: hospitals around the UK reported increases of up to 25 per cent on the usual birth-rate. The London Hospital had 324 deliveries booked for August



pressure on beds. Dr Kambiz Boomia, Chair man of the East London and the City Medical Council, says this brought other prob lems, "It's not too fanciful to say we could see more postnatal depression from women being sent home to their busy family environment too soon."

Organon Laboratories, manufacturer of Marvelon

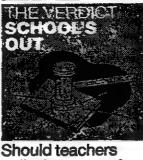
the Government. "But we have made an appeal to the CSM, which is being heard in November," says the com-pany's medical director Dr Tim Garnett. He says the warning was "unjustified and out of all proportion to the risk involved, and

and Mercilon, has not

it didn't take into significant factors into count Doctors thought the third generation pills were safer, so they prescribed them for older and over-Then, of course, you

get these results."
Subsequent research has suggested that there is indeed a slightly higher risk of blood clots for women using certain types of pills. However, Ruth Grigg, of the Family Planning Association, says that the additional risk is "minute, Much, much naller than the risk involved with pregnancy

The risk was also small in omparison with the physical and emotional problems of abortion. In fact there might not have been much of a pill risk at all but it made a great story.



strike because of unruly pupils?

NO "Teachers should not have to tolerate threats of physical violence, but the teaching profession must get its act together over discipline, rather than threatening to walk out every time there is a problem. Teachers are trying to push the responsibility on to other people, when they should be looking at their own methods. If children learned the boundaries of good and oad behaviour from an early age, there would be fewer problems." Nick Seaton, Campaign for Real Education

YES "At Ridings of a strike has galvanised the Secretary of State into action. This demonstrates in a vivid fashion that the threat of action has an

immediate effect. Teachers have reached the end of the line. If teachers find themselves in the position where, in their judgment, a young-ster should have been excluded from a school and is then returned by an appeals panel, what other choice of action do they have?". Eamonn O'Kane, of the NASUWT

NO "The strike issue is to red herring. The real issue is how to make schools responsible for discipline. Responsibility and the mechanism for enforcing discipline have not succeeded. The LEA system

has undermined the accountability of schools. Schools should be accountable to parents and parents should be accountable to the school."

Shetla Lawlor, Politsia forum for social and economic thinking YES 'In the present sit-

rent exclusion procedures and scarce resources, professionals may find themselves with no alternatives but Industrial action. Bear in mind that members will be doing this in the interests of the school, the vast majority of well-behaved pupils and their teachers. John Beattle, of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers Interviews by Hannah Pool

Answers, bottom left of this page because voters falt he talked a

good game but didn't do anything. The finest orator in America,

Jesse Jackson, has suffered a simi-

Politics for sceptics

4page 13 change at work, which this election has helped reveal. It is a shift in political culture. unlikely to remain confined to America. Something like it is probably happening in Britain. First, the specifics. The race is a

turn-off because people feel they already know the result. Clinton is about to win what the experts call a status quo landslide: times are good, so people re-elect the incumbent to keep things that way Reagan had a status quo landslide in 1984 and so did Richard Nixon in 1972. Clinton's might be even more lethargic because, unlike them, he can boast both peace and prosperity—the first presidential candidate to be so blessed since 1928.

He's further helped by duelling

with an abysmal campaigner who has failed to make it a real contest. Bob Dole is so bad that the defin ing image of the election is likely to be an excruciating shot of Dole in California, falling flat on his face from a platform. The voters are also to blame Their demands for civility in pub-

lic discourse have neutered the candidates, forcing them to hold back the personal attacks and oneliners that make an election zing. It may be civil, but it's also dull. The real debate happened nine months ago, when the Republicans

shut down large chunks of the federal government to force Clinton to accept their lean budget. The public sided with the president, he seized the centre ground, never let go. He's led in the polls ever since. Besides, the electorate is exhausted. They've already had

their referendum on the Clinton presidency: it came in the 1994 congressional elections, when an anti-Clinton landslide delivered the Congress to the Republicans. And they've also had a vigorous national debate: they had it last year, over the OJ Simpson trial, when they passionately battled over race, sex, money and the justice system. It's hard to generate that energy all over again. All this has lowered the political temperature, and allowed Clinton to stroll to presumed victory.



stood and made his own. For he has mastered politics in the age of scepticism. Here's how it works. Critics have attributed the tedium of the 1996 campaign to the absence of a big, defining issue. For years it was the Cold war, in 1968 it was the bloodshed in Vietnam, in 1992 it was the recession. But this year it's been about what one pundit called "teeny-tiny politics" — the triumph of the small. And it's Clinton's fault. He has failed to offer an all-encompassing doctrine or core ideology. Instead he suggests a series of micro-policies: a \$500-a-child tax

credit, a five-day waiting period before you can buy a handgun, school uniform, teen curfews, 48-hour hospital stays for new mothers. No grand talk of overhauling education, reforming healthcare or banning guns. For this, he has been assailed from left and right. The hero of 1968, the anti-war presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy, says Clinton acts as if he's running not for president but for governor of the United States, dealing in the humdrum minutiae that should be

weezers to find Bill Clinton's vision for a second term," says
Dole spokeswoman Christina Martin, who accuses Clinton of hiding
behind "an ever-increasing heap
of mini-proposals". Dole, by contrast, has a big idea: a 15 per cent across the board tax cut, accompanied by its own supply-side eco-nomic ideology. Yet Dole is losing.

That's because Americans have grown sceptical about big ideas. They heard George Bush say "read my lips, no new trues" in 1988 — only to impose the biggest tax increase in US history two years later. They saw what came of Bill Clinton's own big promise to restructure the US health system. And, recently, they have rebelled against the grand visionaries of the Republican Revolution, turning in particular against the ideologue-in-chief, Newt Gingrich. Now ideology is out. Americans

prefer small, achievable and — crucially — verifiable plans that might actually work. When Clin-ton tells a crowd he will alter the rules to make it slightly easier to buy a home, you can see voters turn to each other, nod and say "I could really use that". Meanwhile, the province of local government. | Bob Dole's big talk about Trust, ters. Americans no longer believe in them. The phenomenon is not con-

fined to politics. Nike's new adverreversal of the marketeer's usual big promises: "We Don't Sell Dreams. We Sell Shoes." The ad goes on to speak for the consumer ddressing those who oversell their wares: "Don't insult our intelligence. Tell us what it is. Tell us what it does. And don't play the national anthem while you do it." It's the same message Americans are currently sending their politicians. The soft drink Sprite uses a similar technique. "Sprite is just a soda," says its new radio Jingle for sceptical consumers. Tellingly, both Nike and Sprite

are aiming at Generation X, where wariness of big talk is greatest. That generation also shows most clearly the move from scepticism to pragmatism. They don't believe in -isms, but they do participate in small, low-ambition projects that work. Only 15 per cent of America's 18-to-24 year olds voted in 1994; yet statistics show twentysomethings with the highest degree of volunteerism ever. They

rally when the World Series is on? PHOTOGRAPH: STEPHEN DUNNWALL SPORT

wouldn't believe in a movement to end all poverty but they will help out at the local soup kitchen for the homeless. The sentiment infuses their speech. The words of approbation among the nosepierced classes are not "good" or "great" but "that works". It's the only test.

This is what Bill Clinton has understood, and what the older generation of pundits — and Bob - does not. They still want high-blown rhetoric and big issues. They fret about abstract notions, like the morality of the presidential character, not realising the country has moved on. The voters admit Clinton is not honest, but they don't care. Whitewater and links to Indonesian big business don't matter All that counts is whether the president is doing a couple of things that can help

Bob Dole is only the latest victim of the shift. Mario Cuomo, the angel-tongued rhetorician who once electrified Democratic audiences, was turfed out of the New York Governor's mansion in 1994 tions will be fought.

lar fate. In his family, the genera-tion gap is painfully visible; while he still produces the purest hot air in the land but holds no office, his son is a first-term congressman. se Jackson talks about right and wrong; Jesse Jackson Jr works on a new road system for Chicago and on installing computers in schools.
There is now little room for ideology. Americans have grown sceptical of the notion that one system might have all the answers

> me?" says Cathy Minter, 41, of California, one of the Soccer Mums, the white, affluent suburban woman seen as a pivotal voting group in this election. "I'm not a Democrat, I'm not a Republican, what am I?" Old-fashioned politices fault Clinton for lacking a core of conviction, for cherry-picking the best ideas of both parties. But that's exactly what voters like Ms Minter are doing, including the

I'm fiscally conservative, but I'm

for gun control - but I'm also anti-

abortion, so where does that leave

vast numbers expected to "ticket-split" on November 5 — choosing a Democrat for one office, a Republican for another. It means the heat has gone from the old partisan battles and from this election. Americans in the 1990s know that nothing in their own lives is black and white: why

should politics be any different?

As the novelist Richard Ford wrote this week: "For a time in recent memory, American voters favoured a president who nomi-nally, if merely, stood for something. Now they're happy with a man who seems to understand that life is hard and complicated. He doesn't pretend to have all the answers: they wouldn't believe him if he did."

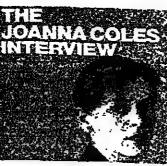
Americans have become wary of the very idea of unwavering conviction: the presidential father-figure, laying down the law, now seems ridiculous — like a Dad who insists on sitting at the head of the table and issuing orders.

Elections seem less lively when they're so micro. But now that Tony Blair is talking about nursery schools and teenage training rather than renationalisation and redistribution of wealth this might be the way all our elec-

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For the love of the poet



ON BACHARDY was a blonde, crew-cut elf of 18 when he met the author of Goodbye to Berlin at a dinner party in Los Angeles. Thirty years his senior, Christopher Isherwood was at the height of his fame, his novels and screenplays, including Mr Norris Changes Trains and Journey To A War (written with WH Auden) had brought him both

WH Auden) had brought him both acclaim and wealth.

Bachardy had neither, in fact be had just enrolled as a student at the local university. "Ah had a coupla hahballs and Ah got quite giddy," he says, in a voice so strange, so odd, so physical, I feel as if I'm being stroked all over with a chamois leather.

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and before Ah knew it there were chris and Ah standing in the dining-room kissing! Well, we lost our balance and fall against a window and broke the panes! Ah was horrified! Ah thought 'Oh such behaviour!' Ah must go home immediately."

So home Bachardy went, back to the small apartment in Holly-wood he shared with his mother, Glade. Age, education, back-ground and friends were against the two men ever meeting again. But three months later, on St Valentine's Day, 1953, they did, and promptly embarked upon one of the most remarkable love affairs of the century. It was to end 33 years later only with Isherwood's death.

"Ah wasn't looking for any-body," says Bachardy, "Besides, when Ah met him; Chris was already a year older than mah

I have spent all week thinking how best to describe Don Bachardy's voice. It's the first, second and last thing you notice. and you can almost see it as he opens his mouth. You can almost watch the words floating towards you as he delivers them in his extraordinary aromatic whisper.

"Ah overheard someone once saying Ah sound exactly like Vivien Leigh in A Streetcar Named Desire! It was meant cruelly, too." Almost every answer he gives begins with a high-pitched excitable "Ohhh". Then there's the accent itself: stage English, strange for a man who has lived and lowed in J. A all high life.

"Ohhh. I got it from Chris," he beams. "All the people who knew me before I met Chris thought I was puttin' on the dog!" Putting on what? "You know, getting all highfalutin', getting presentious. I was wildly humiliated, I thought Yes, it must sound that way. I desperately wanted to atop, but I just couldn't." And he flaps his arms as if he's about to take off. it's just one of those things I have to live with!"

We meet in a creamy pied-a-terre in Victoria, which Bachardy is borrowing from a friend now living in France. He's in London for two nights only, to celebrate the publication of Isherwood's co-pious Diaries, the first volume of which has just been edited by Katherine Bucknell [Methuen £251 Rehind him a cream painting proclaims "If Music be the Food o Love Fortissimo!" and in the bookshelf next to him a copy of Men On Men — Their Secret Ways struggles for space next to Pizza And Pasta.

Bachardy sits so far back on the sofa that his Caramac shoes don't tuite meet the carpet and though he is now 62, and his crewcut is no longer blonde, I am struck by how young, how boyish he still

Ohhh, I have always looked young," he giggles breathlessly. The first time Chris took me to New York a serious rumour went round town that Christopher had brought a 12-year-old with him! A lot of people believed it! I did look very young. And many of the people I met were homosexual and



Don Bachardy . . . "Ah sound exactly like Vivien Leigh in A Streetcar Named Desire!"

ery of the year! They were all saying: 'Oh, Chris, where did you find him? Oh, I was a huge success that first trip to New York." He clasps his arms together and

gives himself a little hug as he reminisces. "Ohhh, I met Auden the first time in that glamorous big city. Chris took me to all the Broadway shows, we went to Tea And Sympathy. I was just crazy about Deborah Kerr. Chris didn't know her, but he said: 'She's British, I'll take a chance she's heard of me' and he sent a note in to her There was a very rude stage manager stopping everyone, but in moments the door was flung open and there was Deborah in her dressing-gown and stage make-up being absolutely charming. I was just agog!"

So too were several of Isher-wood's friends, who doubted Bachardy's sincerity and feared Isherwood was indulging in middleaged folly. His landlady insisted that he leave his house immediately, and so the two men quickly rented the first of their many

apartments together. But more striking than their age difference was the difference in their backgrounds. Bachardy's father, a toolfitter, was intolerant of his sons' homosexuality (Ted. Don's older brother, was also gay), had no time for artists and had drummed into his sons the importance of a regular job. How on earth did Don cope with his initial entry into such a highbrow and bohemian world? "Ohhh, I often felt out of my

they just thought I was the discor- | depth having dinner with Aldous | But didn't he feel as if he was | ing the Huxleys' time by expe and Laura [Huxley] or Igor and Vera [Stravinsky]," he whispers. "It would have been impossible for me if Chris hadn't been so attentive and so sensitive to the situation. He was tuned in to all the problems I was experiencing.

and so helpful to me. "He was certainly my literary guide, I'd done very little reading before I met him and he started giving me books to read. The first was Hemingway's The Sun Also Rises, the second was The Great Gatsby. The better he got to know me the better he was able to choose books he thought I was

able to enjoy.
"In school I was given War And
Peace to read so he augmented
that with Madame Bovary and it was fascinating. A whole world opened up, here was a man who would answer all my questions. I couldn't have had a better guide."

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being moulded by someone else? "Ohhh but I wanted to be moulded! Every time we went out together, to meet distinguished people, I would say: How was I? Did I embarrass you? Did I do anything wrong?' He would usually tell me that I'd been a great

success and charming.
'I remember, at one party I was talking about the Chaplin film Monsieur Verdoux and Chris overheard me say monsieur, instead of m'sieur. He told me afterwards: 'You don't pronounce the N.' In my ignorance I had always said monsieur!" And he squeals with laughter.

But it sounds more like a teacher/pupil relationship than a love affair. Didn't he feel humiliated? "Ohhh, Peggy Kiskadden [Isherwood's closest female friend] said I was a callow youth and that Chris shouldn't be wast-

them to me. But she never hesitated to thre the Stravinskys and the Huxleys with her teenage children! It's just that I didn't have any pedigree and she was a snob. After a couple of years he cut her And Bachardy began his own

transformation. Persuaded by Ish-erwood to give up his language course and study art, first at the Chouinard Institute in LA, and later at the Siade in London, he soon developed a distinctive style. Within a few years he had a staggering portfolio of Isherwood's friends and acquaintances, including Stephen Spender, Katharine Hepburn, Deborah Kerr, EM Forster, James Baldwin, John Gielgud, Auden ("he took longer to do because there was so much going on in that face") Francis Bacon ("Nobody more fascinat-ing, wonderful face, the intensity,

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the Stravinskys, the Huxleys and of course, Isherwood himself.
Did people accuse him of using

Isherwood to further his own career? "Well, they couldn't accuse me because I'd say: 'Of course!' Ha ha ha! I'd be mad not to. You use what you have. Excuse me," he says as the phone goes and he slips off the soft and pads away to answer it.

At this point, a group of chil-dren outside start lighting fireworks, and the rest of our conversation is punctuated intermittently by the weird scream and whoosh of rockets. "I knew if our relationship was to work I had to have something of my own," Bachardy continues, clambering back on to the sofa, "I knew it would be intolerable, liv-ing with him, if I just became a shadow figure, so I had to have a personality, I had to be accomplished in some way. Chris realplished in some way. Chris realised that my being an artist might be just the right thing for me. He was very very smart, he never gave me had advice." Whooooosh. "The day he died, I started drawing him after he was dead, and I did II drawings." Was that difficult? "Oh, I knew wherever Chris was, he wasn't in that corpse on the bed anymore, It was progressive too, the longer I kept at it, the more removed he was ar it, the body." Fascinating, I murmur, trying to picture Isherwood fading away with prostate cancer while Bachardy worked frantically at the bedside with his sketchbook, "Oh yes it was, yes it

was," he purrs sadly. "In those last few months with Chris it was so intense I felt his dying was something we were doing together, we were really sharing the experience."

Did Isherwood talk about dying? "Ohhh, he talked a lot about it. He said he'd never felt caner." Was he

"Ohth, he talked a lot about it. He said he'd never felt saner." Was he scared? "It wasn't death so much as dying. One of the worst things that could happen to him would have been a hospital death, so I decided early on if I could spare him that I would." He did and Isherwood died at home. "And because of that I could do the drawings. I could never have done those at hospital."

The night of his lover's death, Bachardy picked up Isherwood's diaries and began to read them—something he had never done before. "It was the perfect antidote for my grief. Here was this detailed account of all our years together written by this wonderful writer, Imagine how I felt when I came across passages

when I came across passages directed to me"

He slips into Isherwood's voice: "Don, Don, I know you'll be reading this ... It was like getting messages from beyond the grave."

Another whoooosh, then a bang.

But wasn't be hurt by some of

the entries which, in the way of myopically detailed literary diaries, are not always flattering?
"Oh, he's so kind to me, much kinder than I deserve," he insists, as I pick out some passages

April 19, 1955: Worried because of Don's restlessness ... it's very natural no doubt that he should want parties, excitement. But underneath this demand I detect a certain hysteria — something un-healthy like the peevishness of a sick, spoiled child.

May 9: Don made one of his scenes. He has no real friends - all of mine disregard or despise him, disturbed state about his birthday party. He wants it to be full of stars, and yet he doesn't want them.

party aren't bright. Judy Garland and Brando, the Bogarts and Shelley Winters definitely aren't com-ing. This will be an awful disap-pointment for Don.

was Don's mother had to be turned away — Don went out and met her and told her not to come — because there wasn't a single star present, and because everybody had sat down, so Mrs Bachardy wouldn't have been able to mingle inconspic

uously with the crowd." "Ohhh, I was a very difficult personality," Bachardy laughs. "Chris used to say I had more temperament than anyone else he'd ever met.'

Does he still? "Oh people don't change!" And rubbing his knees, this small crystalised fruit of a man, hoots again with his strange

laughter.
How did they manage to stay
meather for so long? "The age difference gave us a particular advantage. We didn't have that competitive edge." Neither were they entirely faithful Bachardy, in particular, would occasionally disappear for a few weeks on his

How important was monogamy to them? "Well Chris had had all this experience, and I insisted upon mah freedom! He realised he couldn't demand I'd be completely faithful to him."

But wasn't he hurt when Don took lovers? "Well it demanded an awful lot of tact from me, I was very careful to let him know he was number one. That nobody was number one. That hotody could or would threaten his position." How? "By being close to him and holding him and reassuring him in everyway possible."

It is now 10 years since Isherwood's death and Bachardy, who recently charged the former Government of Colifornia Garage Propositions.

ernor of California, Gerry Brown, \$13,000 for a portrait, lives with an architect called Tim, who is 36. "We live in the same house, origi-nally we even slept in the same bed," he says giggling. Did that feel weird? "It seemed

absolutely right. I used to say to Chris: 'You'll last just long enough until I'm old and ugly and no one will want me.' But he said: 'Oh no. One day you'll find someone.' And I did. You see I had all this won-derful stuff I'd learned from Chris, and I had to share it with

A selection of Don Bachardy's portraits can be seen at the National Portrait Gallery until January 31



A case of prints and dubious justice

EADERS may remember that two years ago some men escaped from Whi-temoor Prison in Cambridgeshire. Their trial has been postponed twice. The case is all about the alleged escape at-tempt. None the less, it will high-light an earlier unrelated conviction and put the spotlight back on an Irishman who claims to be wrongly convicted of a

bombing offence.
When I saw the papers and read that Danny McNamee had joined an escape attempt, my heart sank. What would people think? There he was trying to establish his innocence and sud-denly he legs it. Then I asked myself, what man wouldn't after eight years in a box, ten foot by

eight years in a box, ten foot by sir?

Danny was arrested at his home in Crossmaglen in August 1986. He was told that his fingerprint had been found on a piece of masking tape in an arms cache in Salcey Forest in January 1984, and charged with conspiracy to cause explosions. In December, he was told that a sir?

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second print had been identified | Republic, he was acquitted. on a piece of tape found in an arms cache in Pangbourne,

Berkshire, in 1983. Danny told police that since be had worked in an electronic repair factory in Dundalk, his fingerprints could very easily be on materials which were eventu-ally used in bomb making. Indeed, the fingerprints of dozens of other people were found in the arms caches and eliminated for similar reasons.

More significantly, the prints of Dessie Ellis, who freely ad-mits making the devices and denies any involvement by Danny, were all over the Pangbourne devices. He had already been jailed in the Republic after being found in possession of electronic circuitry identical to that found

In the spring of 1987, Danny, still on remand, was told that another fingerprint had been found on a battery recovered from a controlled explosion in Paddington, in December 1983. Police records show that the bat-tery was in their possession three days before the bomb was found. New expert evidence

shows that the print is not even

Danny's. But these three prints made up the prosecution case against Danny until just before the start of his trial, when the Crown changed the indictment to include the Hyde Park Bomb of July 1982. A broken circuit board allegedly found by a passer-by a week after the passer-by a week after the explosion appeared to have an identical pattern to the one found at Salcey.

Tellingly, when Dessle Ellis was tried in London, Hyde Park

Bomber — the killer of four men, | ment in bomb-making, and, most importantly for the | When the purpose of the cirtabloids, seven horses. Danny's troubles began in February 1984, when he was working in Dundalk, just over the

The Crown claimed he was the Hyde Park Bomber — the killer of four men and worse, thought the tabloids, seven horses

cuit boards was established in court the charges were dropped. But this did not prevent Danny's fingerprints being sent on to Scotland Yard. It later transpired that the Irish police suspected Danny's employers of paramilitary involvement. Danny left the firm, deciding that the job was not worth the complications.

But his name was now in the system. The prosecution at his trial in 1987 told the jury that he had been in trouble with the Gardai because of circuit boards. No mention was made of the fact that the accusation had been proven false. So the fact of his arrest by the Gardai must have been fatally important in

tive, but this seems weird to me. I've been in contact with Danny for five years. I have tried to visit him but failed to be cleared by the Home Office vet-ting procedure for Category A prisoners.
Warders in Whitemoor told

him I'm a security risk, which was a very proud moment for me. All lefties fondly imagine our phones are tapped, but to be a security risk is beyond our wildest dreams.
As for Danny, tabloid papers

displayed their taste for hyper-bole by proclaiming in banner headlines "IRA prisoners ban-quet on caviar and bathe in asses milk". He is now in HMP Full Sutton, locked up for twenty-two bours a day, and suffering from the adult form of rickets.

So this week's column lays no particular claim to topicality and is certainly short on light relief. But I ask readers to write to the Home Secretary urging him to refer the original conviction to the Court of Appeal. He can be found at 50 Queen Anne's



Royals, Gazza, Spice et moi

debate on the monarchy, part of the annual literature festival there. There seem to be dozens of these now, all over the country, proof that writers will go anywhere to talk about themselves.

Cheltenham is a fairly rough place nowadays, full of yobs beating up language students, though many people in the audience in the Town Hall could have stepped out of a parody of what a rather unimaginative satirist might have thought a Cheltenham audience ought to resemble. There was an elderly chap on the front row. bald, with a white walrus mousbald, with a white wairus mous-tache, who looked almost exactly like Low's Colonel Blimp. Charles Moore and Philip Ziegler spoke for the monarchy, Ludovic Kennedy for a Republic, and I pushed my old line that a constipusned my old line that a consti-tutional monarchy works per-fectly well, though we in Britain could use a different, less dysfunc-tional, royal family. Instead of being boose off the stage, SIr Ludo and I were listened to respectfully and even, now and again, enthusi-astically. If the Windsors have lost Cheltenham, the end may be closer than we think.

MONDAY: The Guardian reports that production of Chablis is up 20

SUNDAY: In Cheltenham for a times on a quarter century ago, debate on the monarchy, part of and much of it is awful. I feel sorry for French drinkers, most of whom know little about wine outside their own region. They can't afford the good stuff, which now

fetches hundreds of pounds a bottle and winds up in New York and Tokyo. Meanwhile, their supermarkets sell racks of mediocre rubbish which they wrongly assume is drinkable because it's French.

They get almost none of the delicious middle-priced wines we have from Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Hungary and even Romania. Now, nobody outside France wants to buy routine French wine, and so thousands of hectares of vines are being grubbed up. In spite of the duty we pay, we are very lucky here; Britain is the best country in the world to buy wine.

TUESDAY: The Spice Girls are at

number one again, which is big news in our house, where we are still playing their first hit. Wannabee. This includes the immortal line "I really, really, really wanna zigzag, aaah!" which contrives to be meaningless and filthy at the same time. The Spice Giris were assembled through a magazine ad and are a brilliant piece of mar-

keting, suggesting the pubescent sexuality which little girls both anticipate and fear. They say: Look, this is all going to happen to you, but you can still stay in charge of your life."

The cunning trick is that they are not particularly gorgeous; any teenage girl with a nice hairdo and make up could look like one. And their stage names, such as

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Ginger Spice, remind you of My Little Pony or the Care Bears. Actually their new hit is a boring dirge, but that's not the point.

WEDNESDAY: Waterloo Station is like an Arab souk these days, with merchants plucking at your sleeve, begging you to buy, offer-ing free samples. You expect the man flogging vegetable choppers

to say: "I make special price for you, effendi." At the BT stall a man tries to sell me a bleeper, one of those modern devices like computers and faxes which I shall ignore for a few more years, and then wonder how I ever managed

without one. Bleepers do have their uses. Once, George Robertson, Labour's excellent and much put-upon Scottish spokesman, was alarmed when his went off in the middle of a TV interview. When he furtively pulled it out, the display had a message from his wife at home: Your flies are undone."

THURSDAY: Amid the usual abu sive letters ("you sick poof-lover") comes a thoughtful note from Anthony Julius, Princess Di's solicitor. He encloses a lecture he gave in Chicago this month, concerning the conundrum I mentioned last week can we ignore TS Eliot's anti-semitism when we read The Waste Land, and do we put out of our mind Paul Gascolgne's wife-beating when we

watch him play?

In his talk, Julius made the point that for much of his earlier work, Sweeney Among the Nightingales and so forth, the bigotry was an essential part of the poems. "Anti-Semitism was a

muse for Eliot ... I believe that his anti-Semitic poetry is both of a very high order and profoundly noxious. It is art speech and hate speech." His conclusion is that Eliot's poetry should not be censored; for one thing, it is too good. "We must contest that poetry, with strategies that acknowledge both its value and its menace. One reasons, then one remonstrates one censures, one does not

In the same way, I suppose, Gascoigne is a violent player on the pitch as well. Maybe Julius's lecture is the equivalent of the yellow card, meaning we want to continue enjoying your talent but we demand that you straighten up

FRIDAY: I see Lord Gladwyn, the former Gladwyn Jebb, has died. He was a former Ambassador to Paris and a fine man, though he didn't half go on. A colleague of mine met him at a Liberal party reception, and found himself harangued — in German, a language he does not speak. After 20 min-utes, Jebb said something in what was clearly an interrogative tone. My friend said; "Oh, I think you just go to the bar and help yourself." Jebb glowered, turned on his heel, and stalked off.

decent people and their children a Yours, Stephen Green

Dear Stephen.

WOOOOOOO... I never realised that hate was a "family value"! Contrary to your apparent assumption, I'm not gay myself, but I will never accept that lesbians, gays or bisexuals are less worthy of respect and regard because of their savuel orientation. their sexual orientation.

I count among my friends sado-masochists, sex workers, transvestites and fetishists, people who believe in monogamy and the startlingly promiscuous. I see no moral dimension to this. So long as they involve only consenting adults, all these choices should be

legally equivalent.
Ethically, it depends on altogether different issues, like whether you treat your partner (or partners) with consideration, honesty and respect, and we both know that marriage is no guarantee of that

Do try to remember, Stephen, your God is not mine. Though society still needs ethics, these can only have a common currency if they are based on a consensus about what is right and wrong.

Reasonable people in this society are united in abhorrence of rape, child abuse and non consensual assault. It's time the judicial system focused on real crimes like these and stopped harassing con-senting adults on behalf of the prudish and narrow minded. Any new consensus must be

based on protection of the vulnerable, the right to decide what to do with our own bodies and respect for other people's choices. Ironically, these principles are by no means incompatible with much traditional religious teaching.

Who was it that said, "Judge

not, and ye shall not be judged!"? Ring any bells Stephen? No? Never mind. I don't suppose it was anyone connected with your religion!

Yours. Spancer Woodcock

Dear Spencer,

THANK you for your last fax. Your "consensus about right and wrong" cannot exist without a common starting point, which in our case, we clearly have not got.

For me (and for the British con-stitution), God makes the law, and it is the duty of human beings and their institutions to obey it when they fail. They can find forgive-ness in Christ (to whom all judg-ment is given, and who also said "Judge righteous judgment"!), but if they rebel against the Laws of God and the gospel, they are damned, individual and nation

As an example of the latter, hist consider the social disintegration of the UK under successive Godless governments during the past 40 years. But for you, Spencer, man makes the law, and as man makes the law, what better man than you to make it?

Even if I were to accept that mankind can invent its own laws, which I don't, then law drafted by and for the convenience of proclaimed, proud-of-it torturers and their perverted, willing victims is unlikely to be good law. Despite asking you repeatedly, you failed to show me that it is even intellectually self-coherent.

Perhaps the European Court will help you impose your law on the rest of us, but I am a man too, and by your rules, I can reject it. I will not have you and your "sexpositive", life-negative friends, rather than Almighty God, defining law and morality for me. So you understand, I just will not consent to it.

Stephen Green

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it's said, we may see the end of that annual feast of flummery the State Opening of Parliament. My own reading of New Labority intentions suggests this is going too far. Tony Blair seems more = likely to favour solutions which combine New Labour's commit-ment to carry though ruthless modernisation while doing nothing at all to offend those who value continuity. Symbolism would be preserved, but procedures would be remodelled to reflect Blairite values in the workaday world of our fading century. According to Smallweed's sources, the pattern would look like this: OUT: expensive baubles like the Sword of State, the Cap of Mainte-nance, and the Cap of Dignity. IN: the Bun of Decency, the Crum-pet of Achievement, and the Cake of Consensus (baked annually by the House of Commons Refresh. ment Department and distributed after the ceremony to the desarving poor of Belgravia).
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chamber, and Rouge Croix. IN: the Community Stakeholder, the Vowmaster-General, and Everso-slightly-Rouge Croix. The Gracious Speech will be read in alternate paragraphs by Prunella Scales and Timothy West

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traordinary, the Lady of the Bed-

UCH A SHAME that even in this age of advanced tele-communication we haven't been able to get through to Nye Bevan, who died in 1960. Given the long animosity between Be vanites and Gaitskellites, he would surely be delighted to learn how the money was found to pay the sculptor who executed a bust of him for the Parliamentary Labour Party. The cost of the bust - by Robert Thomas - was 25,000. The Commons authorities chipped in £1,000. Labour MPs raised \$2,430 (roughly 220 countb-uted: roughly 50 did not). Labour peers found a further £580, MEPs a stalwart £80, and staff in Westminster and Strasbourg a dazzling £25. That left an embarrassing shortfall of £885. At which point someone discovered that the long-defunct Labour Solidarity Campaign (Gaitskellite) had around £1,000 in some cobwebbed bank account. The Chief Whip, Donald Dewar, and the shadow Scottish secretary, George Robertson — neither to put it mildly, a spiritual heir of Bevan — had a word with the custodians of this money, Stuart Bell and Ken Westch (ditto), and the gap was bridged. Once there were Gaitskellites who'd have baulked at spending even a pound for this cause: once there were Bevanites who'd have regarded even funds from so polluted a source. Could it be that this ancient feud

■N MONDAY'S Guardian, Roy Hattersley asserted that the conference of the Referendum Party lacked only a speech by Geoffrey Boycott, castigating the Germans for never having produced a world-class opening batsman. But perhaps Boycott takes the view that an Osnabruck-born opening batsman who played against the West Indies in 1984 might well have become world class had one of their bowlers not thoughtlessly broken his arm. His name was. and is, Paul Terry (Hampshire and England). While my nose is in this particular reference book, I also note the evidence, which that someone called Hattersley played 124 matches for Yorkshire between 1867 and 1880. The reason why this crucial fact is unknown to so many is that Hattersley played under the soubriquet Pinder, his full name being George Pinder Hattersley.

is buried at last? Probably not.

Y A QUIRK of the calendar, the US election falls on November 5, Bonfire Night. At first glance the precedents here favour Clinton. On November 5 1912, the Democrat Woodrow Wilson defeated Theodore Roosevelt. On November 5, 1940 the incumbent Democrat Franklin D Roosevelt disposed of Wendell Wilkie. But the last time the contest fell on this date (1968), the Republican Nixon beat the Democrat Humphrey. Two to one to the Democrats. On the other hand, Smallweed's notoriously saturnine statistician points out, each of the Democrat victors was soon after-wards embroiled in a major war.

EOPLE whose gardening experience clearly exceeds my own are displeased by my reference last week to the folly of grasping nettles. Most complainants have retorted with a quotation running like this: 'Tender-handed stroke a nettle and it stings you for your pains/ Grasp it like a man of mettle, and it soft as silk remains." This verse, I am sorry to say, had previously passed me by. And I cannot believe even now that they apply as easily to clumsy people like me as they do to the dextrous. A pedant writes: You ought to be ashamed of your ignorance quite as much as your clumsiness. All educated people must at some time in their childhood have had to learn these lines, the work of Aaron Hill (1685-1750). Smallweed wearily ripostes: It's all. very well saying that now, but where were you last week when L needed you to save me from errors The pedant sniffily replies: I was nursing an injury to my hand, sus-tained while extirpating in metile some fashion a recalcitrant Weed

lt hurts me to dissent



The 'Spanner' case of 16 men lailed for sado-masochism this week went to the European courts. S&M campaigner Spencer Woodcock and Christian writer Stephen Green debate the limits of consent

sense.

Dear Stephen,

LAST MARCH "disorderly house" charges against Club Whiplash were thrown out by a jury. The police had mounted a huge operation involving over 40 officers, invoking a 250-year-old law pro-hibiting public dancing in an attempt to prevent consenting adults having fun in a private

So why did police use their overstretched resources to target Whiplash? Are the police really so short of crimes with victims that policing our sexual behaviour is a priority?

In the past, right and wrong in sexual and other matters was largely determined by religious doctrine. Wrong was synonymous with sin. This system can no longer be the basis for public moreligion to which the majority of the population subscribes. This does not make ethics any less important, but the rationale underpinning traditional morality

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We have an excellent guide to which sexual behaviour should be tolerated in modern society the notion of consent. I propothat consenting adults be allowed to do what they like as long as they do not impose on others. Hardly revolutionary or even radical really, simply common

The last three decades have seen male homosexuality (partially) decriminalised, extramarital sex normalised and varied (often non-procreative) sexual practices become widespread. Consent is the only sensible test as to whether these activities are ethical and should be what detarmines whether they are legal.

I realise that hard questions remain about the limits of consent: issues about age, mental competence, permissible levels of persuasion. These boundaries are a proper subject for debate. Imprisoning people because of archaic laws and the taboos of religious minorites is not proper it is idiotic and immoral. Public morality has moved on.

Spencer Woodcock



Hell for leather? Let the punishment fit the times . . . discipline reaches the High Street

Dear Spencer,

THANK YOU IO welcoming me to a brave new world where autonomous adults may consent to homosexual activity, extra-marital sex and pan-sexual perversion, free of legal restraint. Rousseau and de Sade will be dancing for what passes in Hell for sheer joy.
"Consent" plus "not imposing

on others", in your law system. defines whether people are acting ethically and legaliy. Traditional morality, you say, with its values of fidelity and commitment, has long gone," and this is what you

offer to put in its place.
In the real world, Spencer, what adults consent to in their selfabsorbed cocoons has a knock-on effect. Take the most obvious example of "consenting" adulterers It imposes on others. In particular, it betrays and destroys the lives of two other adults and usually a number of children, none of whom

You might find my next point boring, but many sexual choices put taxpayers to considerable expense. They did not consent to subsidising the dissolute lifestyles of others. Their money is just taken. What an imposition! And undeniably, visible aggressive "in-your-face" homosexuality imposes environment.

Your aim is more than to be allowed to do your barbaric things quietly in private. As you have to admit, you want to impose your laws and your warped morality on the rest of us.

Yet even you see the problems with consent alone. What about age, as you mention it? If "consent" is all that matters, why have 'age of consent''? Define "adult" for me. And yes, what about mental competence, or in-deed competence itself? What about "permissible levels of persuasion"? Must the "consent" be in writing or is it just your word

against his, or hers, as to whether | law should not depend on confor-anyone consented? And just what | mity with outmoded chastity wel of mutilation is acceptable in your proposed new world as some thing to which someone may ethi cally and legally consent?

Yours, Stephen Green

Dear Stephen,

WHERE exactly did I say that condone adultery? Let me be quite clear, I do not believe that monog amous relationships within wed lock are uniquely valid or moral arrangements for having sex. If, however, monogamy is the basis of a relationship, and this understanding is broken behind one partner's back, certainly that is a betrayal and nothing I have said

can excuse it. Operation Spanner, and the subsequent trials in which gay men were convicted for consensual SM. cost millions. The Whiplash raid cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. I am not asking for any subsidy so the public expense ar-

gument is risible.

Spanner has been the sado-mas ochists' Stonewell. If our resulting visibility offends you I suggest that you complain to Scotland Yard! I have no desire to impose my own morality on anyone, I am simply not prepared to be gov-erned by yours and I make no apology for fighting back when I'm attacked

As I said before, the limits consent are a proper subject for debate. The point is to balance of the vulnerable. Last year, a rape

freedom of choice with protection case foundered after it was revealed that the alleged victim had SM paraphernalia and pornography in her room. The judge asked the jury "what was this young man supposed to think?" He was supposed to think that her right to say no had nothing to do with her sexual preferences (or her sexual history, or the length of

Focus on consent protects everybody's right to say no as well as yes. This is one reason why paternalistic moralists oppose iti

Yours. Spencer Woodcock

Dear Spencer,

THANK you for your fax, but you have not answered any of my questions. Let me give you another chance Now, don't take this the wrong

way, but only a sexual dead end, someone with no future, someone with no stake in our society and its stability, could disbelieve monogamous relationships within wedlock are uniquely valid". It was interesting that you cite

saving money as a reason for abolishing the criminal offences which inconvenience you. The West trial, the Clowes and Guinness trials, also cost vast sums of money. In a civilised society, the maintenance of law and order is a money. Financing the depraved lifestyles of the wicked is not.

So why forbid the inhuman things which you and your friends do to each other? Firstly. your body is not yours, but God's. You only hold it on trust. Secondly, every young man or woman recruited to your lifestyle of disease, degradation and death, through publicity, or your own efforts, is a victim of it. Your crimes are not "victimless" at all. Thirdly, your brutality soils all of us. No man is an island, each of

us is a part of the whole. We throw Cain's heartlessness back in his face, and take responsibility for each other. Such concern for others stems from this nation's Christian heritage, and you would throw it

away. But your brave new world of individualism, libertarianism her skirt!). The protection of the and unrestrained hedonism offers





BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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Dissent's guardian angel

THR Manchester Guardian's famous attacks on Britain's Suez policy — "an act of folly without justification" (October 31, 1956), "hideously miscalcu-lated and utterly immorel" (November 5) — came when the paper was itself in turmoil. On October 31 there was a

change of editor, one of only six this century. AP Wadsworth ratired through ill-health and ded four days later. The paper's staff were preoccupied by inter-nal politics and not ideally pre-

pared for Suez and Hungary. The forceful response of the new editor, Alastair Hetherington, is now seen as one of the greatest episodes in the news-paper's history. Not everyone was so certain at the time. In 1982, when the Coardian refused to share national enthuasm for the Falklands war. there was vulgar abuse from the Sun and mild chuntering elsewhere. During Suez, public reac-

tion was much stronger. The London staff worked in a Fleet Street office, behind a plate-glass window. Someone bashed it in. "We were pretty much living in a state of siege," recalls Harold Jackson, then a sub-editor, later a distinguished foreign correspondent. "Luck-lly, there was a little alley down the side. We had to sneak away just to get to the pub."

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It seems to be a myth that cir-culation fell because of the paper's stand: the figures for November 1956 were up five per cent. The main internal opposition came from the man in charge of the composing room. Mr Bigglestone, who objected to lietherington's revolutionary typographical decision to run his November 5 leader across

two columns. Not everything about the Guardian's coverage of Suez was glorious. The story goes that the reporter sent with the British task force was so appalled by Government policy that, in protest, he refused to file reports. This was too much even for a liberal paper. When he came home he was fired.

simple, eerie coincidence. The writers Aldous Huxley and CS Lewis died within hours of each other er. each other on November 22, 1963, but the obituarists hardly noticed: it was the day President Kennedy was assassinated. On the night of October 15, 1964, Sir Alec Douglas-Home and Nikita Khrushchev—men with little in common — both fell from power, the day before China exploded its first atom

Forty years ago this week, two great dramas of the post-war era came to a crisis. Over the next few days, people will be raking over the cold embers of the Suez Crisis and the Soviet invasion of Hungary. History is usually considered in straight lines. But reality is more messy. It was especially messy as October turned to November in 1956. The question that has never been answered (and rarely posed) is to what extent the timing of these events affected their outcome. It is possible to hypothesise that if there had been no war in the Middle East, the next 33 years of Communist rule in Eastern Europe would have been very different.

Many events were crammed into one formight. On October 23.

1956, the Hungarians, encouraged by anti-Soviet unrest in Poland, rose in revolt. Young people attacked tanks with their bare hands. By October 26, the reformer Imre Nagy was in power and promising democratisation. There was no immediate Soviet response. On October 29, a leader in the Times proclaimed: "The in the Times proclaimed: "The Hungarian people are winning. They have broken the gates of their prison... armed with little but their despair and courage and unity, [they] have wrought a change that will transform farmore than Hungary."

more than Hungary."
But that night the Israelis
launched their assault on the Suez Canal, recently nationalised by President Nasser, it seems likely that two items of news reached Moscow on the afternoon of Octo-ber 30: Nagy's decision to abolish the one-party system, and the ultimatum of the British Prime Minister. Sir Anthony Eden, to the warring parties in the Middle East — effectively an ultimatum to Nasser, since Britain and France were colluding with Israel.
On October 31, Britain and
France began bombing Egyptian

airfields. By that time the Soviet Praesidium appears to have de-cided that the Hungarians would have to be crushed. Before dawn on November 4. 15 Soviet armoured divisions, equipped with 6,000 tanks, took control of the country. Nagy's last despairing message ended: "I hereby inform the people of Hungary and world opinion of the situation." World

opinion was somewhat distracted There now seems to be a historical inevitability about the invasion of Hungary. We assume that the Russians would never voluntarily allow one of their subject nations its freedom but it did not seem that way in 1956. It was not only the Times and the Hungarians who were deceived: the CIA director, Allen Dulles, said there had been "a miracle".

Stalin had been dead for more than three years, and the tyranny that had reached its peak in the early 1950s had been mitigated. Nagy had come to power in Hun-gary in 1953 and embarked on what was known as the New Course: an emphasis on consumer goods rather than heavy industry,

a partial reversal of collectivisation, and a downgrading of every-thing Russian. Nagy had been ousted in 1955 and his liberalisation checked. But the response of the Hungarians was a classic example of the way revolutionary pots are more likely to boil over when their lids have been loos-ened a little.

ened a little.

In February 1986, Khrushchev, as Soviet Communist leader, had denounced Stalin. In April, he had visited Britain with the Premier, Nikolal Bulganin, preaching mutual co-existence. The B and K Show had been the media event of the year. Khrushchev had reportedly said that if he wars British he would vote Tory. Thousands of Stalin's prisoners were released or, if that was too late, posthi mously rehabilitated.

Post-Stalinism was not yet in the straitjacket it would wear for the next three decades. If Nagy had not overplayed his hand by declaring withdrawal from the away with it. And what if the west had been able to concentrate?

tion. President Eisenhower was dealing with the little matter that sends US policy into narcolepsy every fourth November: he was up for re-election on November 6. officials' fury about Britain's behaviour seems to have been generated by their belief that it had complicated the President's most urgent concern. It now seems extraordinary that a US President could effectively repudiate Israel, as Eisenhower did, days before an election. But in 1956, the Jewish vote was so overwhelmingly Democratic that it was hardly a factor in the Beauthlean's classes. in the Republicans' calculations. Public opinion was looking elsewhere. There was a huge protest

in Trafalgar Square, but this was against the Suez action, not Hungary. It is hard to believe that in normal times opinion would not have reacted far more forcefully against the Soviet Union. But the western alliance was riven. And it was hardly in a

position to exert any moral autholty against the Communists. The Soviet Union was accusing Britain of barbarism. Bulganin cabled Eden: "We are filled with determi nation to use force to crush the aggressors." "Oblivious of Hungary," Eden wrote sadly in his mem-oirs, "the Russians feit they could snarl with the pack." And so they could. There was a substantial body of thought in the world that the real danger to world peace came from Britain's reversion to imperialist bossiness, rather than from Nasser or Khrushchev. So the west had no chance to exert any kind of moral authority.

part of the Commons attack on Eden by the Labour leader Hugh Gaitskell. If Suez had tilted the balance towards Russian intervention in Hungary, he considered the Gov-ernment's action inexcusable: "If the most hopeful, encouraging and heart-raising events since 1945 they were profoundly guilty."
Sir William Hayter, Britain's
Ambassador in Moscow at the
time, thought the Soviet leadership was hopelessly split between the strong-armers and liberals. He suspected Khrushchev might orig-inally have wanted to hold off in Hungary to strengthen Soviet moral authority over Suez.

But Nasser was a Soviet ally. And Moscow could do nothing to help him without a precipitating a



world war. "The Soviet government could not do much for Egypt," Hayter wrote later, "and could not take two simultaneous defeats, Egypt and Hungary. We now have a few fragments of

are quoted by Timothy Garton Ash in the latest New York Review of Books. "If we depart from Hungary," Khrushchev sup-posedly said, "it will give a great hoost to the Americans, English boost to the Americans, English first-hand information to guide us and French — the imperialists. further. Notes made at the time by a Kremlin apparatchik, VN Malin, on our part and will go on to the

offensive then add Hungary."

The world did avoid a complete catastrophe in the week that ranks with the Cuba crisis of 1962 as the most dangerous in post-war history. And whatever the rights and wrongs of Britain's interven-tion at Suez, it is unlikely that the

would have gone very differently. By November 8, Britain and France were backing down. But could an alternative scenario have saved Eastern Europe from anny? The answer is a definite



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The last of a very long line gives up

Francis Fulford, whose family have owned Great Fulford, Devon for 800 years, laments the sale of the Estcourt estate in Gloucester

STCOURT is selling Est-court. What does that mean? That the last member of the Estcourt family is finally selling his 1,400 acreestate in Gloucestershire and ending 700 years of ownership. Some no doubt will open a bottle of champagne — or elder-berry wine — and celebrate as yet one more of England's dwindling hand of squires gives up the un-equal struggle. Others, of a more romantic bent, will shed a tear as another fragment of history and tradition disintegrates. And a small minority of Darwinians will see it as all part of evolution. The late Nicholas Ridley was of this school of thought and horri-fied the Historic Houses Associa-

tion by remarking, at their AGM,

that perhaps anciens paupres

should make way for nouvenus riches rather than ask the Government for more tax breaks and

Personally, I have mixed feelings. I am sad because I am a romantic but I also have a sneakng sympathy with Ridley's view and have always thought that the hysterical reaction to his sugges-tion was overdone, since the vast majority of owners of Historic Houses are descended from nou peaux riches themselves who, a some past time, bought out an old family like the Estcourts. Perhaps I ought to declare an inter-est. I live in a crumbling mass of masonry called Fulford, which my family have owned for 800

years.
It is a miracle that families like the Estcourts, or mine, have sur-

vived. For the best part of a | should get worked up about it. | their centrally-heated homes celehundred years everyone has been predicting our demise regularly and with some justification. About three-quarters of country estates have vanished in the last century and of the remainder many are only a shadow of what

they were.

It is now estimated that there are only about 1,200 landed estates, complete with house and park, left in England, which means we must now qualify as an endangered species. Some people eem to think so and have the cheek to refer to our houses as part of the National Heritage. I don't hold with this view. as the only time the nation took any interest in mine was when Crom-well tried to knock it down with

annon in 1645. The idea has somehow caught on, hence the latest proposal to allow funding for privatelyowned houses from the National Lottery. I suspect that there will be a certain amount of opposition to this proposal, but really no one

Houses can already apply for grants from English Heritage, but very few owners bother as the extra cost and the paperwork are horrendous and normally out-weigh the grant.

It is highly unlikely that the terms and conditions for National Lottery money are go-ing to be any less rigid than for grant aid, so those who worry about working-class gambling habits being used to finance the idle rich in country houses can

Actually, most owners are cer-tainly not rich and few are idle. They and their families have only successive Liberal Conservative and Labour governments to de-stroy them by adjusting to the times, shrewd financial planning, a willingness to make sacrifices, and guts — a determination not to let politicians take their inheritance away from them without a

Would any of those sitting in his grave.

brating the demise of the Est-courts survive long in the harsh reality of a large house with in-Estouris are selling a large house — they knocked theirs down in the mid-1960s and retreated to the dower house. All that is left is a glorious park to

remind us of a great mansion. The good news is that outline planning permission has been given for a new country house on the site of the old. So perhaps some new family will build and make a valuable addition to the

English countryside.
The best joke is that the present Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor the greatgrandson of David Lloyd-George who, as Chancellor. brought in the famed "people's budget" in 1909 and whose hatred of landowners was only matched by his own corruption recently joined the Historic Houses Association. The old buzzard David must be spinning in

9 Who needs Canne

There are more goodies at next month's London Film Festival than you can shake a bag of popcorn at. **Derek Malcolm** presents his guide to the best of the fest

Pestival has had a few sticky moments. plagued as it was by the uncertainty created by the sudden withdrawal of Jane Campion's Portrait Of A Lady. But it has benefited from extra sponsorship and is thus able events than in the past.

It has also found itself an opening film — the American success First Wives Club, the story of a trio of middle-aged women (Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler, Diane Keaton) deserted by their husbands and surveying their future and their

wrinkles with a rheumy eye.
The festival ends with Bob Rafelson's thriller Blood And Wine, starring Jack Nicholson. In between come a plethora of films from all over the world; many will never be seen again here, owing to the increasing difficulty of mount-ing foreign films commercially in Britain. This may be your only chance to see those that haven't yet found UK distributors.

The quality of the British section is often a matter of luck. Some of the best of the year like Secrets And Lies, have already been dis-tributed. Others, like Branagh's Hamlet, are not yet ready. But two leading lights of the British cin-ema are represented — Ken Loach with Carla's Song (November 22, Odeon West End, 3.30pm and 9pm) and Stephen Frears with The Van (November 8, Odeon West End. 1,30am and 6,30pm).

The most controversial may well be Nick Broomfield's Fetishes (November 8, NFT, 4.15pm and 8.45pm), "the film Channel 4 dare not show", an in-your-face look at

a New York S&M parlour. There is also Gillies Mackin-non's Trojan Eddle (November 12, Odeon West End, 1.15pm and 6.15pm) the controversial San astian Festival winner (booed for setting the top prize); Nancy Meckler's Indian Summer (Nov-ember 17, NFT 4.15pm), about an HIV-positive dancer, Coky Gled-roye's Stella Does Tricks (Nov-ember 12, Odeon West End, 1.15pm and 6.15pm), the story of a beerage prostitute in Glasgow; and rock star Chris Rea's La Passione (November 14, Odeon West End,

1.30pm and 8.30pm).
Also to be noted are Andrew
Kotting's Gallivant (November 19, NFT, 2pm and 6.15pm), a rare if eccentric British road movie, and Shane Meadows's Small Time (November 8 at 8.30pm and Nov-ember 10 at 1.15pm, Museum Cin-ema), a lively thriller made on a tiny budget in the Midlands.

Some of these films will probaber will get cinema releases.

EUROPE

SHOOTING STARS

the US, as it stages one of the most

dramatic events in the history of the

Lincoln's visit to Our American Coustr

frankly, not quite as relaxing as he'd

planned. A shot rang out . . . one of

Up . . . The early post-war period,

and American theatre is enjoying a boom. Williams's Streetcar Named

foot-tappin', thigh-slappin' musicals

(Oklahomal, West Side Story) make

loadsamoney, high-profile off-Broadway productions (Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?) win acctalm.

Away . . . The mid-nineties, and

comes to London's West End in December, and Death Of A Sales-

National; ball-breakin', hip-swingin'

Café opened last week); high-profile

Woolf?). Then there's Sam Shepard,

Neil Simon, and ... well, you get the

Going . . . The Tyneside lad and

Tinseltown's two biggest hits in

consecutive years in the eighties.

Going ... Critical favour proves hard to come by, Tony's Last Boy

Scout and Days Of Thunder are, as

usual, slick, stylish pap. He directs a

Tarantino — True Romance — and even that's no great success. The

Gone . . . Wor Tony's latest venture

The Fan, has De Niro as an obses-

sive knife-maker who stalks Wesley Snipes's baseball star. It's not been

a riotous triumph in the United States, and for once even the punters seem to have deserted the Golden

Geordie. His compatriots can

check out the psycho-stalk-fest

brothers Scott buy Shepperton

studios - but the blundering

Hollywood mayhem goes on.

FALLING:

TONY

musicals rake it in (Smokey Joe's

off-West End productions garner plaudits (Who's Afraid Of Virginia

American theatre is enjoying a boom, Streetcar Named Desire

at Washington's Ford Theater is,

several explosive moments as

American theatre takes shape.

Desire and Miller's Death Of A

Salesman dominate Broadway

world. It's 1865, and Abrahan

THEATRE

The European selection is dominated by large sections for Spanish and French cinema. There are 16 features from Spain (easily a record) and it may sometimes be a case of 'Never mind the quality..." There's a special gala screen

ing for Manuel Gomez Pereira's Mouth To Mouth, described as the best comedy to come out of Spain since Women On The Verge Of A Nervous Breakdown (November 12, Odeon West End. 4pm and 9pm). But even more successful at the Spanish box-office has been Agustin Diaz Yanes's Nobody Will Speak Of Us When We Are Dead (November 14, Odeon West End. 1.15pm and 6.15pm), which won eight Goya awards. It's about a Spanish prostitute (Victoria Abril) working in Mexico who returns home in an attempt to take her life

into her own hands. Other highlights could be Julio Medem's Earth (November 8, Odeon West End, 1pm and 6pm) and Carlos Saura's Taxi (November 16 at 8.45pm and November 18 at 1.15pm, Odeon West End).

Patrice Leconte's Ridicule, an ironic comedy set at the court of Louis XVI, is the French gala (November 14, 9pm and 4pm, Odeon West End). But there is unlikely to be a better prospect than Jacques Audiard's A Self Made Hero, a deserved hit at Cannes, starring La Haine's direc tor, Mathieu Kassovitz (November 8, Odeon Haymarket, 8.45pm).

Other highlights include Raul Ruiz's Three Lives And Only One Death, with Marcello Mastrolanni at his best (November 10 at 8.45pm and November 11 at 3.30pm, Odeon West End); Claude Nuridsany's Microcosmos, a remarkable epic

Festival top 10 Shine (Scott Hicks, Australia)

Ily (EA Dupont, UK) A Sett Made Hero (Jacques Audiard, France)

The Promise (Jean-Pierre/Luc Dardenne, Belgium) Chronicle Of A Disappearance (Elia Suleiman, Palestine)

Village Of Dreams (Higashi Yolshi, Japan) The Spitfire Grill (Lee David Zlotoff, US) Earth (Julio Medern, Spain)

Guardian interviews

Everyone will want to sit in on David Cronenberg Everyone will want to st. in on Davis Crowenserger talk with J G Ballard (November 10, NFT, 6.45pm), and the Japanese will be fighting over tickets for Takeshi Kitano's Interview (November 19, NFT, 9pm). Steve Buscesni (Tipe Lounge), Terry Gilliams, Stephen Freers (The Van), Harry Belafonte (Kansas City) and Eric Ambber (The Way Abased) are also beging their south. These will Way Ahead) are also baring their souls. There will be masterclasses from screenwriters David and Jamet Peoples, Robert Altman and one of the greatest cinematographers, Christopher Doyle

Priority Booking Guardian readers have a special priority booking service for the 40th London Film :

about a day in the life of a French meadow from an insect's perspective (November 17, Odeon West End, 4pm) and Olivier Assayas's Irma Vep, with Maggie Cheung as Feuillade's vamp (November 19, Odeon West End, I. Ispm and 6. Ispm).

The rest of the European fare includes Brispands. Georgian

includes Brigands, Georgian director Otar Iosseliani's often wery furny Stalinist parable (November 20, NFT, 3.45pm and 8.45pm); Judit Elek's moving To Speak The Unspeakable, about the Holocaust and with Auschwitz orphan Elie Wiesel (November 13, NFT 4pm and 8.30pm); and the outstanding epic Prisoner Of The Mountain by Sergei Bodrov — the best Russian film of the year by far (November 23, NFT, 5pm). One of the most popular Euro-

pean entries is likely to be Jan Sverak's Kolya (Czech Republic), about a misogynist cellist who agrees to a bogus marriage and finds himself having to look after a young boy (November 8, Odeon West End, 3.45pm and 8.45pm). Another fine prospect is Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne's The Promise (Belgium), where a 15-year-old helps his father run a network for illegal immigrants (Nov-ember 21, NFT, 1.45pm and 6.15pm). Max von Sydow gives one of his hest performances in Jan Troell's Hamsum, the long (160-minute)

war (November 23, NFT, 2pm).

biography of the famous Norwe gian author who inexplicably sided with the Nazis in the second world

This large section often contains some of the best films. One of them this year is Mary Harron's I Shot Andy Warhol (November II, Odson West End, Som) largely about Valerie Solanas (Lili Taylor) of the Society For Cutting Up Men. There is also painter Julian Schn-There is also painter Julian Schrabel's Basquiat, about fellow artist Jean-Michal Basquiat (the excellent Jeffrey Wright), who died young and knew Warhol very well. Warhol is played by David Bowie (November 23, Odeon West

End, 1.30pm and 6.30pm). Other attractions are Lee David Ziotoff's feature debut The Spitfire Grill, with Alison Elliot and Ellen Burstyn (November 13, Odeon West End, 1pm and 6.15pm); Odeon West End, 1pm and 6.15pm);
David Mamet's stagey American
Buffalo, with Dustin Hoffman in
the lead (November 17, Odeon
West End, 9pm); Todd Solondz's
ironic Sundance winner Welcome
To The Dollhouse (November 31,
Odeon West End, 3.45pm and
8.45pm); Abel Ferrera's Mafla
movie The Funeral (November 8.
Odeon West End, 4pm and 9pm);
the welfd lesbian thriller Bound. the weird lesbian thriller Bound, from the Wachowaki prothers (November 15, Odeon West End. ipm and 6.50pm); and Briton Alex Cox's The Winner, made in La Vegas (November 15, Odeon West End, 1.15pm and 6.15pm).

WORLD CHURKA The best of the rest of the world must include Elia Suleiman's Chronicle Of A Disappearance, a Palestinian's journey in search of his identity (November 18, ICA, 4,30pm); David Cronenberg's daring but chilly adaptation of J G Ballard's Crash (November 9, Odeon West End, 9pm); Scott Hicks's Shine, the excellent, reallife story of an Australian concert pianist and his breakdown (November 19, Odeon West End. 4pm and 9pm); Robert Lepage's The Polygraph (November 17, Odeon West End. 1.30pm); and Arturo Ripstein's Deep Crimson, a terrific Mexican version of The Honey-moon Killers (November 21, Odeon

West End, 1.15pm and 6.15pm). From Asia, there's Chen Kaige's disappointing Temptress Moon (November 17, Odeon West End, 60m), from Hong Kong, Higashi Yoichi's Village Of Dreams, based on artist Tashima Seizo's autobiography (November 11, NFT, 1.45pm and 6.15pm), from Japan; Adoor Gopalakrishnan's powerful Man Of The Story (November 23, NFT, 6.45pm), from India: Kitano Takeshi's Kids Return (November 18. Odeon West End, 3.45pm and 8.45pm), from Japan; and Vietnam's Nostalgia For Countryside

(November 17, ICA, 2,45pm). **ARCHIVE RESTORATIONS**

An important part of the festival programme, this year this section includes E A Dupont's 1929 thriller Piccadilly, one of the first British classics; Carol Reed's The Way Ahead; George Stevens's Giant; and F W Murnau's remarkable 1926 work Faust.



Deep Crimson (Mexico)
Prisoner Of The Mountain (Sergel Bodrov

Festival from next Thursday (public booking.) opens on Saturday). Please call the festival. hottine on + 44 171 420 1122 to receive a free programme or to book tickets.

Tobias Chapman went to the Globe theatre - and he'll never sit through a Shakespeare play again Stand by me interval if you don't have snacks. as other standers schooled on Shakespeare in the Park unpack brother of Ridley graduates from selling anti-perspirant — as director their snacks. On arrival we push past the of commercials — to selling himself, in Hollywood. Both create a stink: want to sit down for a Shakespeare **Provocations** Top Gun and Beverly Hills Cop 2 are

HE builders have taken over the stage at the Globe in London. Having opened for a short four-week run, allowing Mark Rylance and his players to test out the stage with The Two Gentlemen Of Verona, the theatre will now be closed until June next year while they complete it and the adjoining Shakespeare centre. It couldn't reopen too soon: it provides one of the best Shakespeare

experiences in town.
But I was hesitant before my first visit. Half the audience stand up just as they did when Shakespeare was artistic director, so how would I manage to stand for the whole three hours? What if I needed to go to the toilet? My anxiety proved unfounded. I tried it once and went back twice. I never

again; he wrote them with stand-

ing in mind.

Michael Billington got only half
the experience when he reviewed the first night of Two Gentlemen, for he sat down. He had positioned himself away from the action. Standers occupy the heart of the theatre, right under the noses of the actors, and there is nothing like staring up the nose of a Shake spearian player to get the full truth of a performance: every nuance, gesture and every single breath.

Standing kicks. It's a third of the price of sitting, for a start you get bargain Bard, only £5. Sitters need a further £1 on top of the £12-£16 seat price just to hire a cushion. Poor souls. Standers have to take along a flask of coffee, and sandwiches. It's not that you feel peckish in the middle of a soliloquy, but you do feel left out in the

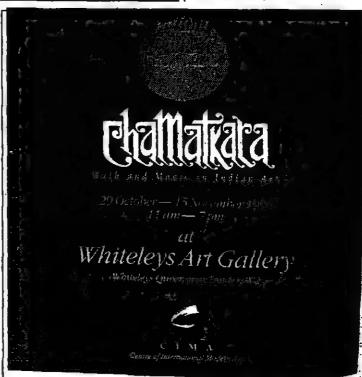
hopefuls queuing for returns, pick up our tickets, then dart around the side to the entrances marked "Groundlings". We enter a giant bear pit, with a concrete floor, softened sparingly with straw, encir-cled by the Sitter's Galleries.

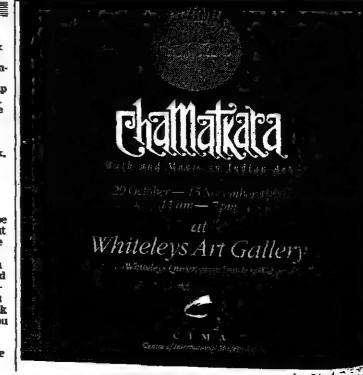
If you're first in, you head straight for the front because the stage is high enough to rest your chin on. At the back, there is a wall for the weak-kneed to lean against, but, invariably, a sixfooter positions himself in front of you and obstructs your view.

But position doesn't matter so much. If you aren't happy, you can always mingle - though you never want to: once the play starts it has you transfixed. People edge forward until, at the finish, you are all nushed up against the stage. And that is the essence of standing, released from the formality of fixed seats in rows you

are free to be drawn in by the play. Billington couldn't understand the inclusion of music in Two Gendemen, with no scenery to shift en acts what is it covering up for? As a Stander you understand, because you feel like you're on the dance floor. You can cheer, boo, scream and even heckle and not feel self-conscious. You can drop orange peel on the floor, get drunk, and, as the evening chill seeps in from the river outside grab your partner for warmth - nothing leaves you more able to feel the emotion induced by the play.

The players and builders will be meeting soon to discuss the layout of the theatre and what they have learnt from the short test-run. Financially it was a success, with only four tickets in every hundred left unsold. So the price for stand-ing will hopefully still be £5 when it opens next year with a two-week summer festival. I can't advise you to book now, you can't — they won't have chosen the next play until next month. But I can advise you to wait with baited breath.





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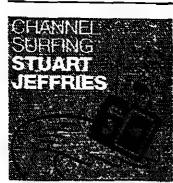
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Playing the joker

HERR were a lot of bruised knees in Bournemouth that night. With legs tied ther, teams had to hop up and down a ramp, negotiating damp patches which made them fall over, while carrying a tarpaulin of water which they were to tip into a cylinder. The team who had the most water would go to the next round in Switzerland. In 1979, it was the people who invented games rather than the participants

who apparently took the drugs. The grim-faced St John's Ambulance crew sat huddled in their thermals, not really entering into the spirit of the thing. There was some sort of job creation scheme going on at the overstaffed scoreboard.

Arun's four girls and boys had slipped over at least three times, but managed to make it to the cylinder, where, unaccountably, they tipped the water on to the grass. Arun's cheerleaders, four boisterous bathing beauties (colour-coded shower caps and one-piece bloomers), stopped bouncing for a moment. "Ho, ho, dear me, that is what you call chagrin on the faces of the Arun ," said Stuart Hall.

Nothing could stop Stuart Hall being cheerful. He would have made a lousy war correspon-dent. He was forever putting his arm round surly Arthur and inquiring after the score with a beam on his face. Unfortunately, the director was in a foul mood. Whenever Hall hymne Bournemouth ("That's the scene in front of the pier in the sun"), we would cut to boys and girls in woolly hats and scarves, or an

unsmiling couple, husband in Russian fur hat, wife with anorak hood pulled tight. This was, after all, July.

The games rarely made any sense and Hall's explanations only made matters worse. "You've got a guy here who's going to go up a slope with a bal-loon and he's going to give it to his mate and you've got to go like dynamite." How would they

know when to stop?
The best games in It's A
Knockout (UK Gold) always involved water or foam. Admittedly, there was one where a woman bouncing on a trampoline with a tennis racket had to dodge flying packets of flour, but that looked more like an acci-dent waiting to happen. The crunch game, as far as one could tell, involved PE teachers in short shorts writhing in foam while carrying footballs and wearing clowns' feet. It was a spectacle to make heterosexual men wish they were gay.

When it was first broadcast between 1966 and 1982, it's A Knockout sometimes falt like compulsory fun. But in the first of a series of repeats, it was a glimpse into a less self-conscious world. Its successor is surely Tractor Pulling (Eurosport), where the tractors are like lunar modules, their trailers consist mostly of advertising hoardings, hysteria is rife and the object of the game painfully obscure. "Full pull! Full pull!" yelled the commentator at this international contest in Alssen. What could be have meant?

"And now, from Norwich, it's the quiz of the week. It's the Sale Of The Century!" There's nothing like an ancient game show to scratch the kitsch inch outil it bleeds. Sadly, Sale Of The Century wasn't so much UK Gold as UK dropped the baton on the back straight and is still arguing about whose fault it was. Some impostor called Peter Marshall was standing in for Nicholas

There were, though, some incidental delights: "Who is Harold Pinter's wife?" "Sylvia Plath." The object here was to win the Citroen AX, resist the temptation to buy the rubbishy kid's go-kart, and go home with a year's supply of tights. Annie from London will be back next week to try for the top prize — a car — which is probably by now a cannibalised wreck in a Hornchurch breakers' yard.



Addams family values

While politicians talk of the importance of the family as a force for good, this week's theatre openings beg to differ, says Michael Billington

The subversives

OLITICIANS preach the importance of family life: drama subversively exposes the reality Three classic plays this week by Ibsen, Shaw and Shake-speare all deal, in different ways, with the cracks in the family with the cracks in the family façade. But, in performance, it is A Doll's House that carries the most emotional voltage; Anthony Page's new production at the Playhouse is the best since Adrian Noble's and, along with Who's Afraid of Viriginia Woolf, the most searing experience on the London stage. A Doll's House is everywhere

right now: it is also being revived at Birmingham and Salisbury and has just been staged at the Guild-hall School in tandem with Elfriede Jelinek's acerbic sequel.

This is partly the strange syn-chronicity of theatre. It also sug-gests Ibsen is dealing with a still unresolved dilemma; the tension between individual liberation and marital happiness. Politicians and it was intriguing to notice Peter Mandelson there on the first night — talk of the nuclear family as if it were the answer to all our social ills. What Ibsen far more ruthlessly reveals is that, without equality partnership and self-realisation, marriage is part of the disease rather than the cure.

Ibsen, however, presents the actress playing Nora with a prob-lem: does she suddenly come to her enses and walk out on husband and family or is her departure implicit from the start? Janet McTeer in Page's production unequivocally takes the latter approach. She presents us auda-

clously with a Nora who exists in a McTeer, are also honest enough to ciously with a Nora who exists in a state of barely controlled hysteria: she is a walking bundle of tics, moues and nervous giggles and is forever taking a quick snifter. This is clearly a woman on the verge of crack-up: thus the ground is psy-chologically prepared for her final exit. The crunch comes when Tor-vald, in Frank McGuinness's excalvald, in Frank McGuinness's excallent new version, protests that "No
man sacrifices his integrity for the
woman he loves", to which McTeer,
in a state of explosive outrage,
cries, "Thousands of women dot"
Page's explicitly feminist reading leaves Owen Teale playing Torvald, very plausibly, as a
patronising domestic beer; you
feel he and Nora have a marvellous sex-life but no emotional con-

lous sex-life but no emotional contact (how could they when he constantly calls her Miss Stubborn-Shoes?) But Page,

show that there is something inor-dinate about Nora: that she has a built-in death-wish and yearns both for her husband's profes-sional and her own physical suicide. I even began to wonder, for the first time, if Ibsen's real hero-ine isn't Mrs Linde, neatly played by Gabrielle Lloyd: it is she who sacrifices herself for Nora's sake and finally persuades her friend to confront the truth. But what this tremendous evening proves is that Ibsen is still chillingly relevant to our own society: that as long as marriage is based on a lie, then all the political preaching about a return to family values is no more

than a hollow sham. Shaw, who passionately admired Insen, also subverted the myth of family ties: nowhere better than in models of mrs Warren's Profession where the most royal.

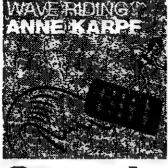
(Hamlet) and Zoe Waites (Ophelia) at Greenwich NELLIBBERT

cold-hearted Vivie Warren disowns her brothel-keeping mother. On an autobiographical level, as Michael Holroyd acutely suggests, this rep-resents Shaw's rejection of his own mother and transformation of himself into a writing machine. On a political level Shaw also shows that society, not the individual, is to blame for the fact that women are driven to the prostitution racket by economic necessity.

The play written in 1894, uses Victorian means to expose Victo-rian values. My only cavil with Neil Bartlett's intriguing new pro-duction at the Lyric Hammersmith is that by updating the action to 1924 (when the play was finally licensed) it subtly under-mines the play's aesthetic: even the big climactic mother-daughter scene is Shaw's deliberately ironic inversion of Victorian expectations. But the playing of Maggie Steed as the smokily sensual Mrs Warren, Catherine Cusack as her brusquely dismissive daughter, a Thatcherite avant la lettre, and Neil Stacy as the gaily solitary Praed is so good as to make one overlook the redundant updating. Family values also come in for a beating in Hamlet — a play that deals with fratricide, patricide, implied incest and that shows a father, Polonius, setting spies on his own son and using his daughter as sexual bait. But the chief interest in Philip Franks's per-fectly decent, modern-dress revival at Greenwich Theatre lies less in the excavation of family relationships than in the reminder that Denmark starts on a war-foot-ing (all military greatcoats and the sound of distant troop trains) and in Michael Maloney's exciting

in Michael Maloney's exciting Hamlet.

Maloney, the RSC's most recent Hal, combines intellectual inclusiveness with blazing passion. This is not your pale, wan, moody Prince but a man so confounded by the creaty hasts of Flainers. by the sweaty haste of Elsinore life that he just never seems to get round to killing Claudius: reason is also countered by uncontrolled fury as in the scene with Ophelia (the promising Zoe Waites), inge-niously staged in a chapel, where he hurls the holy water and the wafers straight in her face. Maioney confirms Freud's point that Hamlet is a normal man rendered neurotic by the peculiar nature of the task he faces. Like A Doll's House, Hamlet is also everywhere right now with current produc-tions in Manchester and Norwich (a Glover family affair) and Stratford next year. It is partly of course, the eternal mystery of the Prince. But maybe our Elsinorefixation confirms our suspicion that family life is a nest of intrigue and that the worst role-models of all are those that are



Comedy of errors

FAIRY-TALE for grown-ups", Fay Weldon calls her new Radio 4 dramatisation of her povel, The Hearts And Lives Of *Men.* I call it wanting to have it both ways — simple and sophis-ticated, emblematic and wry. The series is set in "London's

swinging sixtles", but are there any new ironies to be squeezed from that decade? We're promised love triumphing over st, good will over evil, in this tale of restorer Helen who meets successful art exhibitor Cliff at an opening, repairing to dinner, bed, and the conceiving of (litody fired in all directions, its targets spongy soft, so this new one augured lamentably

Yet episode one sparkled, chiefly because of Weldon's own narration — rapid, light and mis-chievous, which you knew would have been rendered by most actresses into slow, leaden, and nudge-nudge. Occasionally the authorial presence was overpow-ering, and Weldon's constant knowing interjections about the sixties might have become tiresome, were it not for ex-BBC drama director's Shann MacLoughlin's pacy production, made independently for Radio 4 in the fine ex-BBC Christchurch Studios (the paradoxes of Producer Choice being a fit

subject for the Weldon wit). Nevertheless, so far at least, it's hard to tell what its point is. a question often to be asked of

today's radio humour. It arose

again during My Booze Hell (Radio 4), the cod autobiograph; of one Little Johnny Cartilage, member of an ersatz seventies family pop group created for an Anglia region TV series.

Critics. like skating competition judges, don't like to give straight sixes, but the first episode of this was faultle from its opening moments in which Little Johnny confesses that the bare-breasted woman whom the camera always spotted swaying on some man's shoulders at rock concerts was his mum. Packed with jokes about media clichés, every one s winner, this was a hilarious take on the seventies, and its accom-plished writer and star Johnny Meres should have left it at that.

frisky final part, no subsequent pisode lived up to that glittering debut. The series has attracted most attention for the mock interviews by Sue Lawley. more interviews by Sue Lawley, Melvyn Bragg, etc., but this was its least inspired idee: there's something deeply unfunny about personalities parodying themselves, trying to show that they're in on the joke — unfail-ing proof of the removal of a ilc work's subversion glands Why, Big Johnny, didn't you retire after one round?

Russian Revelation (Classic FM) piles on the hype and awe, never letting us forget that it's bringing as previously unheard treasures from the Russian archives, but in last week's programme on pianist Sviatoslav Richter this was justified: sublime playing was intercut with interesting background materlal about the Russian way of hothousing prodigies. But the music programme of the week was Radio 3's Between The Ears, which worked its way through Beethoven's Fifth symphony, mixing jazzy, computer-assisted soft rock, with fragments of rehearsal, slivers of music appreciation, and even alternatives which the maestro discarded. But nowhere did Alan Hall's inspired composite sound like sampled tricksiness; on the contrary, this was a superb way of showing not only how deeply the symphony had penetrated our every musical idiom, but also making you rethink its con-stituent ideas. A speedy repeat is warranted - on Radio 1.



Why are these three men sitting so far apart? Could it be because they hate each other, asks **Adrian Searle**

Strum und drang

The three 'amigos'

LAYING in London for the first time for 15 years, the acoustic trio of John McLaughlin, Al DiMeola and Paco de Lucia packed the Royal Festival Hall on the one-off British stop of their current sell-out world tour. Their Friday Night In San Fran-cisco album, recorded live in 1980, ls a seminal acoustic guitar fusion album mixing De Lucia's revolu-McLaughlin and DiMeola's jazz-rock and blues crossovers. Then they made a steely spiralling, hec-

since they first played together has hardly pushed them into new territory. Instead, the band go bland, as their two subsequent recordings, in 1983 and this year, have demonstrated.

As players they are anything but old lags. Though the concert had its first half lapses as the three came on individually to demonstrate, somewhat academically, their very different approaches. DiMeola, who, like McLaughlin, has a propensity for drifting into New Age, synthesizer-assisted moodling, instead played a fabulous, funny and exhibitating piece in which runs and melodies turned into tic web of sound, but the 16 years | cliffhangers, rescued at the last sec-

ond like the silent movie stariet tied to the railway tracks. McLaughlin's solos brought out the worst in him. playing against some ill-advised contraption set up beside the gui-tarist like a dentist's trolley creating a maundering sub-orchestral backdrop which allowed McLaughlin to busk away on top, sometimes processing his guitar sound to make it sound like tinkling bells. This was proficient, if inconse-quential. Some blues playing crept in, but it was as if McLaughlin was trying to remind us of his roots. It promised to be an indulgent, flashy, boring affair until Paco de

Lucia came on. He took centre place and is clearly the star, as the

Dave Simpson takes some Anadin with The Chemical Brothers

The chemistry set

The sensation

ALLING yourselves The Chemical Brothers is asking for trouble and, inevitably, it follows. Walking towards the Man-chester Academy, a hooded stranger ted a haunting mantra. "Es, whizz, trips ... " A travel agent, per-chance? Inside, three people asked us for Ecstasy within a minute of arrival. One cropped, white jacketed lad went even further. "Got any Es mate? Nah? Do you want some? Dotted around the Academy bar were at least five separate drugular conversations. At last we found a friendly soul. "Oh, you missed the real action," he stated. "It just went off in the bar. About five security men leapt in. Crazy, it was." Crazy. All of this posed two questons (a) were all the 250,000 people who took the Bros' Setting Sun to number one off their heads on strange chemicals? And (b) if not, is it possible to enjoy this music without chemical

The colourful main hall contained several normal people. We could tell they were normal because their eyes didn't meet ours head against the water pipes he in strange communion and they looked like he was melting.

didn't wave their arms about as if trying to land a plane. Why there was even a smattering of rockers. "Why am I here?" pondered one middle-aged gentleman. "I'm starting to wonder! But I liked the sin-

gle. You know, the Beatles one. Ah, The Brothers' collaboration with Noel Gallagher cemented the their reputation as a dance band it's okay for rockers to like but is also symptomatic of a wider tendency in dance music. Everybody's rock-ing out. The next Prodigy single sounds more like Nine Inch Nails than Derrick May and tonight's opening act. Lionrock, incorporated several rock elements including, possibly, Johnny Marr's old guitar. But nobody cared whether it was rock or dance because Lionrock were roaringly good.

Everyone was sweating, waiting for The Chemical Brothers to come on. Or was that just the chemicals to come on? In the loos, a particularly garrulous soul kindly offered us a share in his evening. Twe had two Es and a couple of lines. The buzz man . . . The Chemicals. Awesome." Awesome. We didn't have the heart to tell him that with his

Suddenly the Brothers hit the stage in a roar of strobes and sirens and showed that sounding like, well, Motorhead with beats was dance music's next great leap forward. For over an hour the key-board-pummeling duo showed that a humumeous breakbest, stunning sound explosions and no vocals could be mind-boggling, whatever your poison. When a vocalist did appear things got even better. Charlatan Tim Burgess sang Life Is Sweet, a strangely ironic numper in the week of the inquest into his colleague Rob Collins's death. But any strain didn't show and his sneering vocal and demonic prowling echoed Jagger in his prime. Soon afterwards, Setting Sun (sadly, minus Noel) was rudely wamped by what sounded like an air raid warning

As people filed into the toilets, the drug-crazed maniac from before was thoroughly exultant. "Fuckin' ell, man?" he gasped. Have you heard that? They ought to sample that. They'd have another number one."

He was listening to the water That settled it. A couple of Anadin, and an early night.

Worlds apart ... McLaughlin, De Lucia and Di Meola Tricalino

younger Spanish contingent in the audience made audibly clear. De Lucia is a true original and his is the sound of modern flamenco. While the first half allowed each musician to demonstrate their divergent affinities and begin to weave their disjunctive styles together in a series of duets, the almost reached the heights of their San Francisco debut. But it did so by recalling those earlier collaborations, particularly on Brazilian composer Egberto Gismoti's Frevo Rasgado and on

McLaughlin's David. But no matter how lugubrious McLaughlin's intros made it seem, there was a sense of needle and contest, and however well they committee. Time played it was De Lucia — aloof, put out to grass.

dignified and utterly distinctive who held it all together "Sure is great to be back." McLaughlin opined. "Great to be somehwere where they speak English," said DiMeois "No offence, Paco."

Do Andalucians take offence? It felt like more than on-stage josh-ing, and rumours of the trio's backstage fisticulis added a trisson to an otherwise clincial event. At best, flamenco blues and jazz have three made clear, constantly swap ping leads and oppositions in the gig's best moments. At worst, the odd alliances that have come to be called World Music are apt to lose on every count. It's not blues, it's not flamenco, and it isn't quite taxz. It might dazzle, but it's the kind of music that is very like a camel — a horse designed by a committee. Time, perhaps, it was

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TEP CARE

Chris Hawkins weighs up the chances of the European challengers in tonight's Breeders' Cup in Toronto

her rather than Swain.

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to Cigar in the Breeders' Cup Bailey blames himself for

the shock beating of Cigar by Dare And Go at Del Mar— the race which brought to an

end his sequence of 16 succes aive victories - and is fairly

confident of reversing that

However, Dare And Go is a

particularly impressive phys-

look to have deteriorated in the last couple of months.

Hill's have cut Iktamal

Swain may spoil the Diplomatic dance

tonight's Breeders' Cup Turf, Fred Hooper, his 99-year-old owner, has the grandstand at Woodbine

Hooper, a multi-millionaire who made his fortune building roads in the southern United States in the '30s, has the Midas touch — he won the Kentucky Derby with his very first horse, Hoop Jnr. in 1945 — and was assuring everyone at the Breeders' Cup party on Thursday night that he has his dancing short has his dancing shoes

Jim Picou, is in almost as good form as his owner. He has won his last two races, the Turf Classic at Belmont Park and the Man O'War Stakes, but the Turf must surely represent Europe's best chance of bringing some-

With seven of the 14 runners, the European challenge is strong, while the inclusion of the freakish Ricks Natural Star suggests the home defence is not all it might be.

Many cynics expected Ricks Natural Star, who has won only \$528 in his career and has not run for over a year, to be thrown out by the Woodbine vet, but he is in the

who reckons he has a cure for almost all equine and human ailments, believes he has worked a miracle with this former cripple, but the colt must be a good bet to finish

Singspiel, whom Michael panion, was sweating freely Stoute sent over to Toronto to win the Woodbine Interna-tional last month, heads the threatened to do the Ma-carena, the current dance his stable companion Pilsudski, runner-up in the Arc.

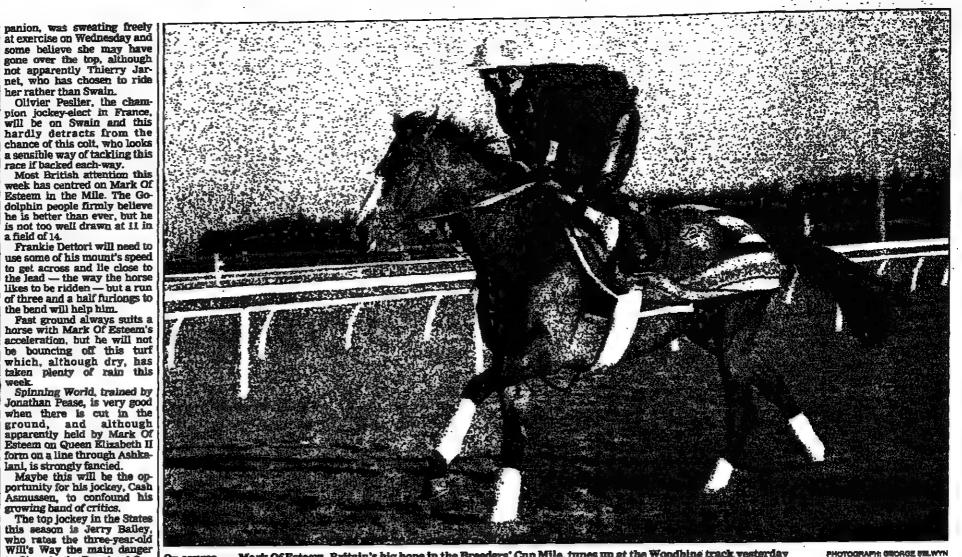
It is rare for a foreign horse to come into one of these races as a course and distance winner, and Sinsgpiel scored an emphatic two-lengths victory over Chief Bearhart, who four weeks ago.

Pilsudski is a much bigger stronger colt. He had Swain and Luna Wells — the two French challengers here — behind him in the Arc and has gone from strength to strength this season, having been regarded at one time as no more than a decent

handicapper. Dushyantor, Wall Street and Shantou are the three British three-year-olds in the race. Dushyantor powered up the straight here in front of me a few minutes ago and over this shorter trip is expected to reverse his St Leger defeat by Shantou,

out of it if the sun continues to shine, as he was beaten only a length by Singspiel in Goodwood's Select Stakes over 10 furlongs. He won the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot over a mile and a half on his next attempt, but his

the ground were to ride soft. This would not bother Swain, fourth in the Arc after failing to get close enough from a wide draw to challenge



On course . . . Mark Of Esteem, Britain's big hope in the Breeders' Cup Mile, tunes up at the Woodhine track yesterday

Dettori confident Mark Of Esteem can topple the locals in the Mile

RANKIE DETTORI | think Ascot took too much knows a huge burden of out of him," said Detion yesexpectation rests on his shoulders in tonight's Breeders' Cup at Woodbine, particularly in the Mile with Mark Of Esteem, brilliant winner of the Queen

Dettori piloted Barathea to a Mile victory two years ago, but a winner of Europe's mile championship has never won the race. Nevertheless. Dettori and his Godolphin team-

mates are feeling positive. European miler and I don't added.

terday, "He is probably better than Berathes and has a fanlastic turn of foot. He less not

Dettori rates his other mounts, Shantou and Classic outsider Tamayaz no foriorn hopes either despite the presence of Cigar in the meeting's

"There are five or six with a chance in the Turf and Shantou is one of them. I get on really well with him and he to be improving," he yard Capots Belle is the local tip.

been over-raced and is pretty much a fresh horse."

from 14-1 to 8-1 after a shrewd insider invested £2,000 on him in the Sprint. Ed Dunlop's chestnut breezed well and seemed to handle the dirt well on Thursday morning, but it is expecting a great deal of him to beat the American

Solo Mio encore for Bosra Sham's owner

AFIC SAID, owner of Bosra Sham, the conqueror of Halling in last week's Champion Stakes, could play another crucial role in the destination of the oday, albeit in a more indi-

Bosra Sham's victory enabled her trainer Henry Cecil to take the initiative in the championship tussle with Saeed bin Suroor, who starts the day over 280,000 adrift. | while Solo Mio has yet to win | Benny The Dip has been | gests. But solo Mio Victory for the well-backed | a race. Hills would not be run- favourite all week, largely on | can spring a surprise.

Asas or Medaaly in this after-noon's Racing Post Trophy would swing it bin Suroor's way, while Cecil attempts to hold the Godolphin team at

bay with Besiege.
For a change, these two
powerful stables could be fighting out the minor honours. Mr Said can take the lion's share with Solo Mio. whose trainer, Barry Hills, could hardly be in better form with a dozen winners in the past formight.

They include in Command in the Dewhurst Stakes, and

ning him in Group One com-pany unless he felt the colt

second start, staving on well winner has since finished third to Revoque in the Grand Criterium at Longchamp.

Given the excellent form of

the Hills horses at present, Solo Mio is likely to progress again. He looks good value at 16-1.

the Royal Lodge Stakes at As-cot, where Besiege was third and Medaaly fifth.

Desert Story, the Ascot second, managed to uphold the form at Newbury on Thursday, although only just, and Benny The Dip is a worthy favourite without holding outstanding claims. His odds

look cramped.

Asas, comfortable winner at Newmarket, could be anything, likewise Poteen, who won more easily at Haydock than the narrow margin sug-gests. But Solo Mio (3.49)

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also in opposition in the big race at Newbury; with Eva Luna and Kalabo, respec tively, but this looks a good opportunity for Mons (2.30) to register a belated first win

This will be the first time Luca Cumani's colt has encountered a decent cut in the ground, since, he, won, the

Royal Lodge Stakes so im-pressively last year.

The ground has also come right for Star Manager in the Cambridgeshire - 10th

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Second Test: New Zealand 18, Great Britain 15

dance Lions left to fight for their pride

REAT BRITAIN lost the series with this second defeat here yesterday but, if the nargin was narrower than in the 17-12 first Test reverse in Auckland a week previously, this time the Lions could have no complaints.

It was New Zealand's first eries victory over GB since 1994. They scored three tries to two and always looked the more potent attacking force. The Lions, led superbly by Andy Farrell, lacked nothing in commitment but created only two real chances, both in the first hell and beth them. the first half and both taken.

But New Zealand looked dangerous every time they had the ball, particularly through their half-backs Stacey Jones and Gene Ngamu, the centres Ruben Wiki and John Timu and the towering second-row Stephen Kearney.
It was Kearney who unlocked the Lions' defence

with a pass for Wiki's second try early in the second half that brought New Zealand within a point of Great Brit-ain, and another off-load by the Auckland Warrior sent Jones racing upfield to set up the decisive score with 18

minutes remaining.

Jones was prevented from

sails into Rio.

Simon Montague

reflects on the highs

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Nuclear Electric

Lions full-back Stuart Spruce, but from the resulting scrum Ngamu ran across the defence, dummied and created a clear run to the line.

Matthew Ridge, who missed the conversion to Wiki's second try, allowing the Lions to stay 13-12 ahead, made amends from near the touch-line and, although the Lions line and, although the Lions threw caution to the wind and Goulding landed a penalty. New Zealand remained the more likely scorers.

The Lions coach Phil Lar-

der refused to use the farcical events of the past week as an excuse, with 11 players or-dered home by the RFL chief executive Maurice Lindsay as a cost-cutting measure, insist-ing that it had not affected the performance of his team.

Both their tries came from inside the New Zealand half. After 26 minutes Farrell and Denis Betts created the space for Alan Hunte to score the game's first try, as he had in Auckland. The similarities continued as Betts crashed over for the second after some

excellent handling.
This time New Zealand did manage a quick reply after Hunte had lost the ball near

grounding the ball by the Lions full-back Stuart Spruce. but from the resulting scrum Ngamu ran across the defence, dummied and created a clear run to the line.

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• The British Academy side likewise went two down in their three-match series, los-ing 27-24 here after fighting back from 10-0 down to take a 20-14 lead midway through the second half. But New



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Sport in brief

Boxing

Lennox Lewis's attempt to regain the WBC heavyweight title looks set to go into the courtroom instead of the ring. His promoter Panos Eliades has refused to agree to a delay to the Briton's fight against Oliver McCall, scheduled for December 7, and has filed papers in a New Jersey court alleging delaying tactics by the WBC in shifting the fight to January 28 to January 26.

Ice Hockey

The Superleague's disciplinary panel yesterday imposed fines totalling £2,000 on four players involved in a violent incident during the Notting-law v. Cardiff same on Occaham v Cardiff game on Octo-ber 12. writes Vic Batchelder. Cardiff's Marty Yewchuck, fined £1,000, has also been suspended for nine games. Nottingham's Jeff Hoad must pay £500 and serve a one-game ban while Mike Ware (Cardiff) and Darryl Olsen (Nottingham) have been fined \$250 and, with the Nottingham player-coach Mike Blais-dell, warned as to their future

Tennis

Pete Sampras beat Andre Agassi 6-4, 6-1 in less than an hour yesterday to reach the semi-finals of the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart where today he will meet the Dutch-man Jan Siemerink, who beat Goran Ivanisevic 6-3, 7-5 in the quarter-finals.

Sporting Awards

The former Test cricket um-pire Harold "Dickie" Bird has been named Yorkshire Man of the Year by the county's

Motor Sport Britain's Richard Burns was edged into second place by the

Finn Arl Vatanen in the Hong Kong-Beijing Rally. Only 43 seconds separated their Mit-subishis after 2,356 miles. Cricket David Houghton and Alistair Campbell, past and present captains, led a Zimbabwe

fight-back with an unbroken century stand in the second and final Test against Paki-stan in Faisalabad yesterday. Zimbabwe, 134 behind on first innings, were 23 for three in the second innings before Houghton (74) and Campbell (51) took them to 136 for three by the close. Snooker

John Parrott yesterday reached this afternoon's semifinals of the grand prix in Bournemouth with a 5-3 win over James Wattana, urites Cline Everton. The crucial sixth frame, resolved with a fine last two reds to pink clearance, put him 4-2 up and two frames later he clinched victory with his highest break of the day, 88.

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BT Global Challenge

Whale-watch on the final fling off Copacabana

under a full moon and the trade winds swinging round behind us, the nightwatch is concentrating and trade with Toshiba the most likely to finish second and Concert third. watch is concentrating on the final charge towards Rio. Darkness is a good time to make gains and we may yet overhaul some of the nine rachts ahead before the finish-

As the leading yacht ing line. "Look out for whales and keep it fast," calls skipper Richard Tudor, referring to reports from other yachts and the close interest in the fleet's arrival off the coast of Brazil. The potential danger in slicing into several tons of marine wildlife at 10 knots is serious and the skipper, as taken with those beautiful mammals as he is with racing, wants no dam-

still anyone's game. Nuclear Electric is lying tenth at the tail end of a bunch of yachts fighting it out in close order for the mid-table positions. If winds nearer the coast go light, then by staying offshore we may yet spring an overtak-ing manoeuvre. The calms which lurk off Rio's Copaca-bana Beach could prove the

final joker in the pack. Even so we are disappointed not to be nearer the front. Nuclear Electric began the race as both the defending cham-pion and the bookles' favourite, imposing a heavy burden of expectation. Our rivals are surprised and our families at home concerned at our lowly age to either party. We hear that Group 4 has

position. We cannot blame equipment problems. We did blow out a spinnaker but so have others. Part of the kicker has shattered but the strains of four weeks' non-stop racing must be telling on us.

The explanation is straight forward; we simply went the wrong way. The fateful decision was made as the fleet rounded Berenga Island off the Portuguese coast a fort-night ago. Becalmed for 24 hours near the Cape Verde Islands, we then fell into another windless hole in the doldrums. Those who went

westward kept moving. There have been compensa-tions. I struggle for words to describe the beauty of a doldrums' dawn and we celebrated crossing the equator in traditional fashion, with sailors who have not previously crossed the line called before the court of King Neptune. Guilty of all charges, the sentence is to be doused in a vile brew of custard, brown sauce, carrots, cabbages and onion; as I kneel to receive my pun-ishment, the mess on deck reminds me uncomfortably of

first day at sea.

Now Rio beckons: cold beers, clean clothes and the chance to use a toilet which is not at an angle of 20 degrees to the vertical. We have run out of dehydrated main meals and Simon Wardle, the only serious smoker on board, has consumed his supply of 300 ciga-rettes and the yacht's entire

stock of 60 cigars. We look forward even to a simple stroll; the farthest any of us has walked for a month is Three are "leggers" while an-other has decided to withdraw for personal reasons. Fresh next leg, they will be crucial to faces will bring a change of our survival. In less than four company. weeks' time we set out on one Meanwhile the race orga-nisers have a serious issue to resolve. An urgent investigaof the toughest tests any vachtsman can imagine: 6.600 miles round Cape Horn to New

tion has been launched, after complaints from at least five

goodbye to four of our crew.

Group 4 safe and sound in Rio

precisely 67 feet. At Rio we say | yachts, about leaks in the foul-

MIKE GOLDING and the crossed the finishing line at midday local time yesterday, taking 23 days 3hr 47min 15sec to complete the 5,000 miles from Southampton, writes Bob Fisher.

They were 12 miles ahead of Toshiba Wave Warrior and 60 miles in front of Concert. The next six boats with the following five, led by Nuclear Electric, still to reach the windless zone.

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Hind picks up four-day ban

GARY Hind was banned for four days and John Gosden fined £600 for breaching I'd really gone for him. I was the rules regarding schooling and conditioning in public after Minersville finished

after being found guilty of the same offence with Rheinbold. who finished seventh in the same race. Minersville, making his

debut and sent off a 9-1 chance, ran on strongly from two furlongs out to be beaten a total of one and three quarter lengths by Sophomore.

But officials took the view that the colt, owned by Sheikh Mohammed, might have won had his run started

earlier. Gosden, trainer of Minersville, is in Canada supervis-ing his runners in the Breeders' Cup but Hind was clearly upset by the stewards' only trying to do the best for the horse," he said. Rheinbold ran on steadily

third in the Wheatley Park
Malden Stakes at Doncaster
yesterday.
Michael Tebbutt was
banned for three days and
Tim Etherington fined £400
after being found guilty of the ville," explained stewards secretary Patrick Hibbert-Foy.



David Lacey on the mission impossible that faced the man who inherited Blackburn Rovers as champions from Kenny Dalglish

Harford on a hiding to nothing

ing a losing one. Ray Harford had no chance. He was put in charge of the Premier League

The saddest aspect of Harager of Blackburn Rovers yes terday was that so many had among them. For despite a naturally hangdog expression, he is a decent, hard-lensure continuity at the club as the competition were on. Shearer and, when he was working man of football who and help to consolidate its po- Harford's simplistic ap- sold to Newcastle United for

football knows his stuff as a coach, gers will As Kenny Dalglish's assis-that tak-tant Harford contributed an enormous amount to the Ewood Park after an interval there were those who saw

> Prominent among them were the Blackburn board who felt that Harford's ap-pointment as manager would ensure continuity at the club | as the competition wore on.

as the manager of another club, he is not saying so.

"Memories are private" is

from it: many people, includ-

ing the FA inquiry team investigating the "bungs" scan-

Harford's promotion as a nat-

cepted the job.

mediately that the momen-tum which carried Blackburn last year, Dalglish decided to step down as manager and be-come director of football 1995-96 season. Rovers took had disappeared with the new only four points from their opening seven league fixtures and a 1-0 home defeat by Spartak Moscow exposed a lack of readiness for Champions League football which became increasingly apparent

expected to learn all that fiddle faddle about playing pa-tient, possessive football, did nothing to alter the view that,

despite the continued backing of Jack Walker's wealth, their success was ephemeral. Yet from December on-wards Blackburn Rovers displayed something like championship form once more, and they ended the season by winning six of their last nine games. So much, however, was owed to the goals of Alan Shearer and, when he was

sition. The reality was that proach to Europe, namely | £15 million, Harford might | in and out of the Champions | Harford's days were num- that Blackburn could not be as well have given notice | League in almost less time

His fundamental mistake as Blackburn manager was that ing the team around. By the time he had signed the likes of Holmes, Bohinen, Fenton, Coleman and McKinlay, the

rise under Dalglish was so sudden that the champion-ship had been won almost before anyone had properly taken in what was happening. and under Harford they were

League in almost less time than it takes to say Rosenborg

Walker's money, Dalglish's name and experience. Harford's pragmatism and Shearer's goals proved to be the perfect combination in bringing success to what had become a footballing backwater. A solid team ethic did the

Blackburn still have the Walker millions but bear few greatness. Whoever succeeds Harford, moreover. will do so



Harford . . . no chance

tumultuous events which stirred Ewood Park from its slumbers in the early Nineties can never be repeated.

Walker appointed Dalglish to take Blackburn into the Premier League. Now he needs somebody to keep them in it. Dalglish paid £3.3 million to bring Shearer to ton in the summer of 1992 Survival will be rather more

George's slip 'twixt cup and lip

Soccer Diary

Martin Thorpe

return to Highbury today will rekindle memories of his ups and downs at Arsenal: the success, the trophies, the sacking and perhaps even the alcohol problems of Merson and Adams.

and Adams. He may even remember receiving a letter in October 1992 from AAP Consul tants, a project providing "confidential preventative programmes for individnals and companies wor ried about alcoholism". Their letter to the then Arsenal manager began: "Has your players' use of alcohol ever been a cause of concern at your club?" and continued: "The dangers of alcohol abuse are thankfully becoming more widely understood; but all too often people are only able to seek help at the cri-

Rejecting the offer, Gra-ham's return letter said: "I can assure you that our players are well aware of the pitfalls of alcohol in ex-cess." Ah, hindsight.

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SLAVEN BILIC's recent pursuit of a lucratively improved contract to stay at West Ham has prompted the fanzine The Water In Majorca to print a golden riposte: Slave Bilic — My Favourite Things. TV Show: The Money Programme. Film: A Fistful of Dollars. Newspaper: The Financial Country singer: Johnny Cash. Opera: Three Tenors. Pop Group: Dollar. Painter: Monet. Sportsman: Pat Cash. City: Stirling. Ani-

BARRY VENISON sports one of the oddest hair-styles in football. Fitting, then, that bis Captain's Page in the Southampton programme is sponsored by the Salisbury branch of Toni and Guy hairdressers. Not so inviting is the accom panying slogan: "Be like Barry. Take a short cut to style." Pass.

WO years ago Sunder-land's chairman Bob furray ran the idea up a 30ft flagpole in his country garden: flying the Union Flag. But neighbours grew angry, then really saw red when Murray hoisted Sun-derland's colours for last season's promotion. Now the local council has told him to remove the flagpole. shorten it or move it. And Peter Reid thought he had disciplinary problems.

ENERBAHCE's two Ni-gerians Uche Oke-chukwa and Augustine 'Jay Jay" Okocha are planning to become Turkish citi-zens and change their not sigh with relief. The players will become Abdulkerim Rahim Uche and Muhammed Yavuz Okacha.

ONE measure of Chelsea fans' affection for Matthew Harding can be seen in the Stamford Bridge carpark. There, among the wall paying tribute to the late vice-chairman, sits a special gift from one supporter — four cans of Guinness, Harding's favourite tipple. And still unopened.

GLENN Hetherington, a Whitley Bay welder. was in agony watching Newcastle thrash Manch ter United last Sunday: not cause he always has a bet on Newcastle winning 5-0 with Peacock scoring the first.

When Peacock scored I held my breath, when the fourth went in I was sweat-ing, when the fifth went in I went mental, but the rest of the match was agony. I was just willing them not to get

His £8,000 winnings will form a deposit on a house with his fiancée Tracey. But, if he thought that was a dream, a jobless Newcastle fan Peter Drinkeld bet his last pound on his team winning 5-0 and pocketed £100. He had dreamt the

EWCASTLE? A soccer hotbed? Around 300 Tyneside shipyard workers staged a lightning strike last week in support of nine colleagues disciplined for cutting short a shift on Sunday. They left early to see the Newcastle v Manchester United game.

So, on Sunday's evidence, what do Peter Schmeichel and Michael Jackson have in common? They both wear gloves for no apparent reason.

Mr Arsenal is braced to re-enter the marble halls

his view, "and I don't like to don't wipe away the memo-bore people with mine." Far ries. I had 15 years at High-

dal, would like Graham to "So there will be that little open up about the recent past. bit of added excitement going

'I anticipate a great reception,

both on the terraces and from

the employees within the club'

George Graham returns to Highbury for the has a problem with his for give Leeds the leeway to immer employers: be describes being shown the back door by first time since being sacked over the 'bungs' scandal. Michael Walker reports them as his "worst moment"

EORGE GRAHAM Arsenal regrets that his means different return to the marble balls is people. To many he is the great motivator, a man whose accumulation of silverware at Highbury puts him "up there" with the great managers. To Leeds United's fans, desperate for a resurrec-tion, Graham is the potential saviour. To Arsenal football-ers like Ian Wright and Tony Adams, who style themselve "Sons of George", he is obvi-ously a father figure.

remains that outside Leads and a short corner of north London, Graham is regarded as the man who let football

"The public image belongs to me." Johnny Rotten said, but in Graham's case the punk was only half-right. Graham lost his public, suspicion prevails and yet, despite all that has gone before, even a brief audience with the new Leeds boss reveals an easily

likeable personality. Hero and anti-hero, that is the great contradiction in Graham and today it will be on full display when Mr Arsenal returns to Highbury for the first time as an oppos-ing manager. But, if Mr

EVERTON yesterday launched a £10 million

double bid for Trevor Sin-

clair of Queens Park Rangers and Nick Barmby.

Middlesbrough's England

international, whose avail-

ability is also expected to

attract a bid from Leeds,

pick the right dressing-room vately Graham could be obsessive about the circum-

Everton's manager Joe | provisional asking price of Royle contacted his coun- £5 million for Sinclair.

have also told OPR that Aage Flortoft and the mid-they are willing to meet a fielder Craig Hignett.

stances surrounding his dismissal 20 months ago but one would not know it. "Angry?" he responds to questions about possible bit-terness. "I'm not going to discuss it any further. "I anticipate a great reception, I think it will be excel lent both on the terraces and from the employees within

The use of the word employees is interesting because of

Everton chase Sinclair and Barmby with £10m

terpart Bryan Robson

within minutes of Middles

brough's announcement

that the player, valued at around £5.5 million, was

being released. Everton

It does not seem likely. Pri- | back again. I'll be trying to

he is unsure as to whether he

will enter the boardroom

If Graham does, it will be with his head held high. "And why shouldn't I? It's the same

for everybody, surely. You

bury as a player and a man-

ager and they were my most

successful years.

A regret he did admit to was that the players he will be taking with him are not of his choosing. "I should love to go back with what I would call the George Graham Leeds United team, but that will take some time to evolve. I should like it to happen quicker but in life you always want things instantly. The George Graham Leeds will

take time. It is doubtful that the

Middlesbrough. mean-

while, have also put their England Under-21 goal-

keeper Alan Miller on the

transfer list. And Robson is

releasing the striker Jan-

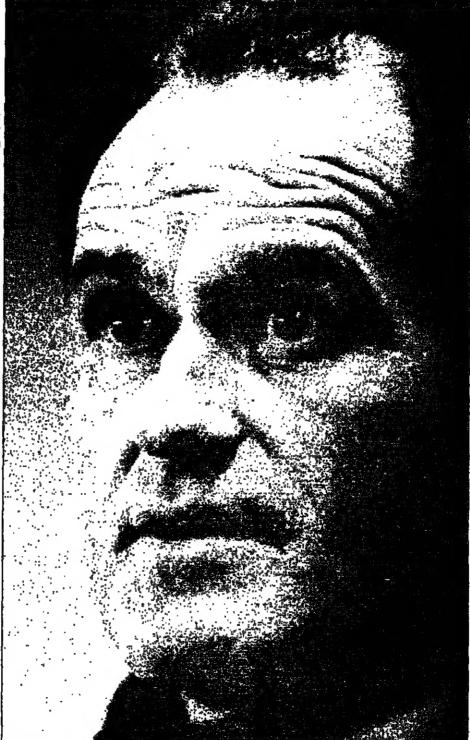
give Leeds the leeway to improve this afternoon. "Yeah, they've got that horrible habit of not conceding goals. After I was getting told to get rid of some of those defenders, three years later they're still there at the top of the league with the same defence

In fact, post-Graham Arsenal have recruited only three new players who have figured in the first team, Platt, Bergkamp and Vleira. "I should like to think I'd have got more than that."

That was not a velled criticism of either of his successors, Bruce Rioch and Arsène Wenger. Rioch, Graham said, 'did a very good job" and he is sure Wenger will too. Graham has not yet spoken to Wenger since the Frenchman's arrival in London but the two know each other from when Wenger was at Monaco.

then he went to Japan, and think coming to Arsenal has resurrected his career." After eight games at Leeds Graham realises that a similar lift-off is required there. He has money but says he will not buy for the short term. "We need new playing staff, I

don't think there's any question about that. "I was surprised with the numbers of the first-team squad, it's very low and that has been the greatest surprise They have got a good youth policy here but some of the the first team even though I've had to play them. But I will not be panic buying at Leeds." More than most Graham knows the pitfalls and intricacles of buying and selling. It a lot of public esteem but what will come to be known as his wilderness period has, he says, not changed him too much. "I've always been a



Graham's port . . . Leeds United have provided a refuge after the storm

Scottish preview

writes Ian Ross.

Gough moves for the future

Patrick Glenn

ICHARD GOUGH will leave Rangers at the end of the season and probably spend the twilight of his career in an emerging football country, possibly Japan where he could link up with his old Spurs team-mate Ossie Ardiles who is coaching there. The Ibrox captain, who cel-

ebrates his tenth anniversary with the club in May, a month after his 35th birthday, yesterday refused to speculate on the future beyond the sea-But the Rangers manager Walter Smith touched on the likelihood of the player con-tinuing his career elsewhere. That means away from Scotland, where there would

other club outside Ibrox. "I'm sure if he gets the chance to Gough, who has won 16

medals since he joined Rangers from Tottenham Hotspur in 1987, said he felt the time was right to go.

"It's been a great era, the st 10 seasons." said Gough. "Probably the most successful in Rangers' history. I would love to think they could have another 10 years of it, but that will be extremely difficult.

to be changing quite a few things and people have to realise that I will be 35 in May. Some people were calling time on me two or three years ago but I always felt I would know when it was right to 20.

"I always wanted to leave at the top of my game and in the last 18 months I have felt really good. I approached the manager and the chairman about a month ago and let them know, and they appreciate my reasons for going "I told the players this morning and there was some surprise. I had to take the

usual stick; some suggested that I should have done it two years ago."
Gough, who will be given a free transfer, will be in his usual place at the back today, when Rangers attempt to end an unproductive league run in the home match with

continue elsewhere," said Motherwell. They have Smith, "he will continue to be dropped five points in their last two Premier Division matches. Celtic, who missed an op-portunity to hit the top on

Sunday when they drew at Hearts, face another trip to Edinburgh to meet a Hiber-nian team that beat Rangers two weeks ago. Stewart Kerr, the young goalkeeper who took the place of the suspended Gordon Marshall at it, but that will be ex-mely difficult. The manager seems likely availability.

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Chelsea will mourn, then set their minds on Spurs

friendly, mellow type of

Martin Thorpe

AVING grieved all week in their individ-ual ways. Chelsea's supporters and staff will mourn as a club this afternoon the loss of their vice-chairman Matthew Harding.

That is not an ideal environment to produce the win many would like to honour Harding with. But 90 minutes gone through with the result, in a way, irrelevant. "I can issue no special in-

structions to my players," said Rund Gullit. "I will be asking them to do their best but I also know people have to be given the opportunity to express their grief. There are no special demands I can make on people in an environment like this. I honestly don't know how it will go."

The pre-match ceremonies

scheduled pitch presentations | his death and so we might as cancelled. Chalsea will place | well get this one out of the flowers in the seats Harding and his guests would nor mally have occupied for the game, Spurs and Chelsea players will place wreaths in the centre circle before kickoff, then observe a minute's silence in Harding's memory

as at all other Premiership

games on the day. Harding's widow Ruth is expected to be there with the couple's four Chelsea-supporting children and the sta dium's North Stand, built with £5 million of Harding's money and renamed the Mat carry a name-plate made after round-the-clock work.

"We have all decided it is better to play the game be-cause that is the way Mat-thew would have wanted it." said Chelsea's player-manager. "If we had postponed it, there is still the question of yesterday moved to Wigan

well get this one out of the

It will also be a difficult task for Tottenham, who must block out sentiment for 90 minutes in search of their first win over Chelsea in the last 15 meetings between the "We want to win but I will

settle for a performance Mat-thew would have enjoyed," said Gullit. "I've prayed for his soul and now we must go on and make the club success ful as he always wanted - not just now but in the future." Manchester City, who yes-terday let the striker Gerry Creaney go to Ipswich on loan, hope to increase their Georgian contingent to three by signing the international defender Kakhaber Tskha-

dadze from Eintracht Frank-

The pre-match ceremonies there is still the question of yesterday moved to Wigan will be kept simple, with playing the first game after from Preston for £100,000.

TEAM SHEET

Ganluca viaill (calf) is set to return for an emotional London dorby and the Romanian Dan Petrescu is also likely to be back after Achines tendon troutte. Andy leyers (back) looks doubriel, the generace Frank Lekouti (group will have a late hitness test and Eddire Newson (high) could miss out again. The Tottenham midhelder Allian Nielsen is doubtul other his baby daughter poked a Lay into his aye. This week. Coventry v Shetfield Wed

The Colonder Liam Dalah returns after suspension for Coventry, replacing Paul Williams (groun) David Burrows (groun) as in contention. Wednesday will be without the motivation will write Colons (groun) and the state of the Colons (groun) and (ground the colons (ground the C

Bryan Robson keeps lath with Milkel Beck, who has formed an impressive part-nership with Fabrizio Ravanelli. The goal-leeper Alan Miller is filely to return in place of Gary Waish. Wimbledon's Efan Ekolu, Neil Ardley, Brian McAnister and Sen Thatcher are set to return.

Southampton v Man United The midfielder Robbie Stater roturns as Southampton chase a third win in four Pre-mierchip games. Egil Octensizat will con-tinue his partnership with Mischew Le Tis-sier while the midfielder Simon Charlion could be recalled, United's Roy Keane will return and Phil Neville is in contention at Alex Farguson also decides whether to return Paul Schotes or recall Cle Gunnar Saleticas.

out with a broken leg, the teenager Philip Naisbett will be on the bench as cover for Lionel Perez. The full-back Martin Scot Igroin) and middleider Steve Agnew (aske) are out ign Taylor will switch from midfield to full-back it Villa's Portuguose dejender Semando Neton tritis to enter

West Ham v Blackburn

West Ham are free from injury wornee as they seek their third home victory in eight days; that means the Romanian international Piorin Raductiou must be contain with a place on the bunch. Tony Parkes begins his third spell as correlater manager of Blackburn without the striker Chris Sutton (chest Infection). But the full-back Graems Le Saux will travel after almost 10 months on the sidelines and Graham Fonton and Stuart Ripley are itt again.

Liverpool v Derby County Everpool are likely to be unchange they aim to bounce back from their a pointing 1~1 draw at Chariton on We portung 1-1 draw at Chariton on Wednes-des. Derby will continue with Ashtry Ward and Bon Willemm up from with the leading scorer Dean Sturridge tankley ruled out to another week. The England Under-21 de-lender Mast Carbon will not be involved because of a lamily illness.

Wales for Holland return THE Wales manager Bobby will be the Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Mark Crossley. goalkeeper Mark Crossiey. Wales Squab: Seuthali (Everion), Marriott (Wraxiam); Mali (Sunderland), Melville (Sunderland), Melison (Southampton), Bowen (West Ham), Symons (Manchester C), Pennbridge (Sheffleid W), Horne (Birmingham), Robinson (Charlion), Speed (Everion), Jones (Wimbledon), Loge (Birmingham), Glogs (Manchester U), Samuders (Notim) Foresti, Marteon (Arseral), Blake (Bolton), Taylor (Sheffleid U), Selected to travol: Crossley (Notim Forest), Standby: Jeakins (Fluddersted), Young (Wolves), Page (Wattord), Srowning

Jones recalled to beef up

his midfield needs beefing up by recalling the Wimbledon captain Vinnie Jones to the squad for the World Cun qual fier against Holland in Eindhoven on November 9, writes Martin Thorpe.

Last month's 3-1 home de feat by the Dutch exposed a Welsh propensity to give the ball away, so Jones, who last played for Wales in April, is almost certain to start We're going into a cauldron and we will need experienced players," said Gould. Wales's cause will be lifted

by the return after suspension of Ryan Giggs but the team will have to cope without their attacking pivot Mark Hughes, who is banned Gould has not moved to heal the rift with Wales's top scorer Ian Rush, so the manager will play only one up with Giggs or partner Dean Saunders with John Hartson.

Nathan Blake, Bolton's inform striker, also wins a callup along with the defenders Gareth Hall of Sunderland and Alan Neilson of Southampton. Also travelling with the party for the first time

 Gould and Wales's development officer Jimmy Shoulder are involved in legal wrangles after the FA of Wales's deci-sion to make the latter responsible to Gould. Gould has consulted his solicitors over comments repor-tedly made by Doug Langley, an FAW council member. while Shoulder has sought legal advice over the council's decision, taken arbitrarily after Gould asked what ha been going on in football within Wales over the last 10

Langley reportedly described Gould's comments as a big insult from a man who does not know what he is talking about".

A N Other

ENGLISH football has seen few more durable defendceramic environment. It was said he had broken more bones than any of his contemporaries. Most of them were his own. Always a good citizen, he appeared for just two clubs and spent the bulk of his career against a Victorian background before his playing days reached a shambolic

Lost week: Colin Todd (Sunderland, Derby County, Everton, Birmingham Cuy, Not-tingham Forest, Oxford United, Vancouver Whitecops,





Hugo Portirio (West Ham United), a Portuguese treat against Nottingham Forest in the Coca-Cola Cup.

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Curry favours Allenby with unassuming lead

David Davies at Valderrama

NE of the more enduring golfing myths is that a great course always pro-great champions. It ain't necessarily so, as the likes of Bill Rogers at Royal St George's Densmore Shute at St Andrews and Andy North at Oakland Hills have proved over the years.

Valderrama is a great course: the Volvo Masters leader-board after two rounds is rather less than that. England's Paul Curry, who once abandoned golf to take up ac-countancy and has one win in 16 years on tour, leads by one with a five-under-par total of 137, followed by Stephen Ames, a white West Indian whose mother was 20 times the Trinidad and Tobago champion. They are, respec-tively, 55th and 19th in the Volvo rankings.

Ames is two shots ahead of Andrew Oldcorn (47th) and Carl Suneson (53rd). It is a far from prepossessing list although it is one that will give comfort to the recuperating Robert Allenby, now back in that the secret of his success so

Melbourne in overall third and needing to keep that ranking to make next year's US Masters.

The three men who can, in the Australian's enforced ab-sence, overtake him are all some distance behind the leaders, with Lee Westwood, who has to win to do so, back in joint eighth. Costantino Rocca, who has to finish at least fifth. is in joint 14th while Andrew Coltart, who also needs to win, is seven over and, at joint 50th,

The race to determine which of three rookies wins the most money this year is headed by Padraig Harrington, the Irishman who is on a level-par 142, followed by Scotland's Raymond Russell on 144 and Thomas Bjorn of Denmark on 145. As the Rookle of the Year title is decided by a vote, it may not be the richest who gets it.

Curry and Ames are far from flamboyant either on the course, where neither seems to acknowledge the crowd's support, or in the interview

far lay in keeping the ball in play rather than taking the course by the scruff of the neck, although he added "gen-He has never led a full tour event after 36 holes, he thought, although he added that he could not really

remember.

Ames, who lives in Calgary, has picked up some of the pa-tois and said that Valderrams was not a course that "you can hold by the horns and beat it down". For a man who had only two birdies yester-day that was apt. Valderrama is defending it-

self well considering that both the Poniente and the Lebante, the west and east winds that usually sweep the course, have largely been absent. There are only seven players under par, with six more level and Curry, using a blackiack analogy, saying he would hap-pily "stick" with his five under and expect to win, or at least be very close. Carlos or Carl, Miguel or

Michael, Suneson, at two

under, is in position to chal-lenge for his first big title. He claims dual nationality, hav-

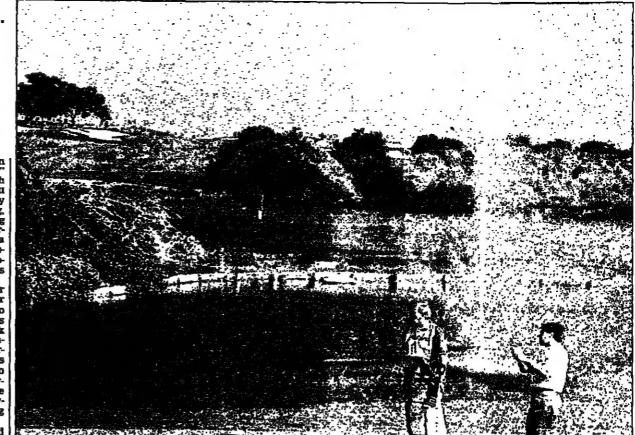
Spain you call me Carlos," said the fluent Spanish speaker, "and in England you call me Carl." He is currently flying under the Spanish flag having been English long enough to avoid military ser-vice over here, and at last a solution to his medical problems is allowing him to pro-duce the golf he displayed as n amateur. He has to check the sugar

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times a day but is able to control his form of diabetes through diet. He goes to work by packing at least four ba-nanas into his bag. Yester-day's 69, with six birdles, was satisfactory for a man who this time last year was play-ing the adjoining San Rocque course trying to get his play-ers' card. He has come a long way in a very short time.

Tiger Woods shot a 70 and

is four shots off the leaders Tom Lehman and Vijay Singh after the opening round of the £1.8 million US PGA Tour championship at Southern Hills in Tulsa. The US Open champion Steve Jones and the current money-list leader



Some like it hot . . . Curry plays his second into the 10th at Valderrama in southern Spain yesterday

Cyclina

Tour call for drugs clean-up

William Fotheringham

HE organiser of the Tour de France yesterdented call on cyclists and their team managers to combat doping.

Speaking at the presenta-tion of the 1997 Tour de France route here yesterday, in the presence of the leading four finishers in this year's race, Jean-Marie Leblanc called on leading cyclists to maintain "moral probity in the face of temptation", to remember the example they set to children and warned that failure to do so could be "suicidal". Only if the problem was solved, he said, could cycling champions remain "the giants of the road".

The appeal, unprecedented in a gathering of this nature, follows the publication on Thursday of an open letter signed by Leblanc, Daniel Beal, the president of the French Cycling Federation, high-altitude ski stations in the tiny village of Sauternes, and Roger Legeay. Chris the Pyrenees and Alps: An following as they do the start Boardman's team manager at dorra, l'Alpe de Huez and in the land of Calvados, Cam-Boardman's team manager at dorra, l'Alpe de Huez and in the land of Calvados, Cam-GAN. The letter called on the Courchevel. The mountains ambert and cidre brut.

governing body, the Interna-tional Cycling Union, the IOC and the French ministry of sport to take swift action in

improving drug control.
"We must do it for the future of the sport and the credibility and image of our champions," Legeay said. Two of Legeay's riders this year tested positive for ste-roids. "We must have a credible sport; we must give credibility to dope control."

The latter is a reference to

urine samples taken from riders after all major cycling mids and amphetamines but may not be used to find the synthetic performance-boosters, erithropoetin and human-growth hormone. That has given rise to persistent warnings from riders and drug experts that both substances may be widely

used in the sport.
The tour will be one of the most mountainous for years, with three stage finishes at



are packed into the tour's second half after a long run down France's western side from the start at Rouen.

The gastronomically inclined will be slavering at the prospect of a stage finish in the oyster-producing Mecca of Marennes, and a st e start in

But the riders may find the next 10 days a little too much to stomach: apart from the rest day at St Etienne, each great climb, from the tradi-tional landmarks of the Pyrenees, such as the Tourmalet and Aspin Cols, to the le known ascents in Alsace. The consensus is that, with no real flat stages, the riders will

Ntamack the spirit of Toulouse

Robert Armstrong on the dashing wing who poses a special threat to Wasps today

tent strength of Anglo-French rivalry that Wasps expect a record home gate of 12,000 at Loftus Road for today's visit of Toulouse, the bookmakers' favourites to win the Heineken European Cup for the second successive

Rugby Union

Emile Ntamack, the Toulouse captain, will lead a star-studded side that includes his international team-mates, Thomas Castaignède, David Berty, Christian Deylaud and Christian Califano, men whose steely skills have been tempered in the Southern Hemisphere. Each of these gifted players

is a match-winner in his own right but none can rival the astonishing pace and finishing power of the 26-year-old Ntamack. Wasps, who have proved vulnerable to pressure down the flanks in three successive defeats, must prevent Ntamack receiving quick ball if they hope to remain in contention.

Frequently compared to Serge Blanco, Ntamack has scored 17 tries in 26 internationals since making his debut in the 1994 defeat by Wales in Cardiff. The man from Lyon has made a sustained impact on Test rugby, achieving a strike rate against the leading nations

sic French combination of

to beat; they never

T IS a tribute to the persis- | ably with that of David Campese, Rory Underwood and his compatriot Philippe Saint-Overall Toulouse are a clas-

> beauty and the beast - their hooker Patrick Soula was sent off for stamping in the Cardiff game — but Ntamack, who stands 6ft Zin and weighs 14 stone, puts his formidable physique exclusively at the service of an expansive vision of the game. The Toulouse flyer may be big for a wing yet his elusiveness will make it hard for Wasps' Shane

Roiser to lay hands on him. After seeing off Cardiff, previous conquerors of Wasps by 26-24. Ntamack refused to accept that the out-of-form London side will be a simpler hurdle to overcome, "It is always difficult coming to terms with new opponents, like Wasps, whose style is un-familiar," said the Frenchman. "English teams are hard even when they fall a long way behind. Besides, Wasps have shown they are dangerous in their league wins over Bath and Leicester."

It is a measure of Ntamack's passion for the non-stop Toulouse pattern, initi-ated by Pierre Villepreus and developed by Jean-Claude Skrela, that he rejected atthat compares very favour- tractive offers from several

and signed for Toulouse for a comparatively modest salary. Even though Ntamack and Castaignede are now the Toulouse channel the ball club's highest-paid players, they still rely on their £2,500 monthly earnings as mem-bers of the French squad to match the top earners in English rugby. Little wonder

Channel this year. It would profit English clubs immensely to carry out a detailed analysis of Ntamack's role as a powerful fin-isher which has helped Toulouse win three French

cenaries have crossed the

championship titles from 1994. The statistics on Toulouse's use of the ball are revealing: their pass/kick ratio is 3:1 and their overall

Ntamack . . . match-winner from 2000.

top clubs in the early Nineties | share of the aggregate passes delivered in the game is nor-mally between 60 and 70 per

> to the wings rapidly because fast, accurate handling which wards keeping the ball alive at all costs. The beneficiaries are Ntamack and Berty who together scored three tries against Cardiff, the side Toulouse also beat in last sea-son's final. It is no surprise that Villepreux and Skrela, the apostles of continuity, recruited Ntamack for club and country.

Ntamack seems destined to inspire Toulouse and France to many fresh honours, yet no achievement, apart perhaps from winning the 1999 World Cup, would be likely to rival the 1994 Test series triumph in New Zealand in which the big wing played a decisive

In the second Test in Auck land Ntamack not only scored a brilliant opening try but also shared twice in the ninepass movement that culmiiated in J celebrated "try from the end of the world". Mention of that historic score causes Ntamack to smile like the sun rising.

The Australians arrived in

Edinburgh yesterday for the second leg of their European tour and announced they would undertake a Grand Slam tour every four years

Weekend fixtures

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Und v Corby Tri; Solthuil Bor v Bilston Tru;
Station Ringra v Grandhum Tri; Station Ringra v Grandhum Tri;
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Leonards; Clevedon Tru v Suckingham Tri;
Fernsham Tru v Margabe, Fisher Aft London v Weston-S-Marc; Havant Tru v Fleet Tri;
Torbridge Angels v Forest Green Trosbridge Tru v Yate Tri; Waterlooville v Erith & Belvedere; Weymouth v Bashley.

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Brentford v Millwall (a-t)
Bristol C v Notts Co
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v Booste; Prescot v Eastwood Hardey;
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Urd v St Helens Tr.
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Partick v Falkirk
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Dumbarton v Queen of South

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7-UP TROPHY: Darby v Chaster (7.30); Hernel & Wasterd v Crystal Palace (7.30); Worthing v Birmingham (8.9). Tessesvess Shelleld v Manchester (5.30). SUDWEIGER LEAGUE: Leicester v Thomas Vallay (7.30). Tuesarrous Chester v Leicester (8.0): Leopards v London Towars (7.0).

MERICE MATTORIAL TROPFFY: Second rounds Bory & Bolton v Darby; Coventry v Stockton; Guildford v Northernston; London v Carditt, Oxford v Bristen; Wars v Hoptingham. Transferour Phymouth v Thansa Valley; Mid Sussex v Westmireter.

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NONTHERN PREMIUS; LEAGUS BLACK-burn v Marrayfield (9.0); File v Dumiries (7.0); Palstey v Whitley (7.0). Temerowe Castlerosph v Blackburn (2.0); Dumiries v Whitley (6.16); Marrayfield v Palstey (6.50).

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v Harrogats; Walsell v Ldn Weste. Leegen

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PP; Hillnend/Londenbill v Currie; Jed-For
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Soccer Colo Colo 1, Flamengo 0 (egg: 2-1). Rugby League

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LIXENIEDURGE WOMEN'S CHAMPION-SHIP SCHUTZ (Solvest) bt B Schott (Aut) 6-3, 7-6; A Geelle Stidet (Fr) bt P Schryder (Switz) 6-1, 6-0; A Haber (Ger) bt A Olsza (Pot) 6-3, 1-6. 8-0.

Baseball WORLD SEPTEES: Atlanta Braves O. New York Yankees 1 (New York lead series 3-2).

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ice Hockey Surrest Macazille Cardill 4, Seeingefolte 7. 1986 J. Hartilord 4, Anaholm 1: Boston 1, Ternato 2: Buttels 6, Montreal 3; New Jer-sey 3, San Joue 1; Tempe Bay 2, Orlawa 5; Chicago 8, St. Louis 4; Calgary 7, Pitte-burgh 6; Los Angeles 2, Edmonton 8.

Real Tennis

Snooker

Derekt Warwick is to supplement his involvement as a man director in next year's British Touring Car Chemptonship by driving for Vasuhati. The 45-year-old, who resed 147 stress in Formula One, will perfer the 1985 Champton John Clelland in one of the two Vectres being run by Warwick's Triple Eight Race Engineering team over the mad three years.

 Britain's Carl Fogarty, the delending champion, arruged off the effects of flu to take provisional pole position for temor-rous's 12th round of the World Superblike Champioreship in Phillip Island, Australia. The international Ski Federation will in-troduce energency safety measures in Al-pine skiing to provide more protection for racers tollowing a spale of accidents.

A woman, on average, lives longer than a man. So she is more likely to have to face the difficulties of intestacy - the legal term for being left in a mess because her husband didn't make a

Many men assume that, on their death, all they own will automatically go to their wives. This isn't so. When a man dies intestate, not just his wife but brothers, sisters and even cousins may have a claim on what he owned. His widow may have to sell the house to pay off his relations.

None of this need happen if he makes a will. Yet seven out of ten people fail to take this simple step. Now, as a service to the public, WWF L'K (World Wide Fund

For Nature) has produced its own plain language guide to making a will. It explains: why everyone needs to make a will

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Down and out down under Rugby League Lions lose Test and series



George is coming home Arsenal plan a warm reception

The Guardian

Howard Kendall, a former Ewood Park favourite, could be heading back to Rovers

lan Ross reports on the going and possible coming at Blackburn Rovers



Harford goes with grace

Bath no longer the big name club

shooter Howard Kendali may well make a sentimental return to Biackburn Rovers after the Lancashire club yesterday parted with their man-

The acceptance of Harford's rock bottom on Tuesday night with elimination from the Coac-Cola Cup by the Second Division's Stockport County.

Blackburn currently lie at the foot of the Premiership table, the only one of England's 92 professional clubs yet to win a league game.

Kendall, who is in charge at the First Division club Sheffield United, features prominently on a short-list of possible successors to Harford, he relinquished by mutual

NGLISH football's | which is also believed to include the former England coach Terry Venables, Bruce Rioch, the former Arsenal manager who is now assistant to Stewart Houston at Queens Park Rangers, and the former Leeds United manager How-

ble after Blackburn's season | charge in a caretaking | European Cup. of many troubles touched | capacity and will select the | "It is probably fair to say it capacity and will select the team to face West Ham at Upton Park this afternoon. Harford's departure comes five years after he arrived at Ewood Park to forge a suc-cessful partnership with Kenny Dalgiish and 17 months after Blackburn won the Pre-miership title. Harford became manager 16 months ago following Dalglish's decision to become the club's director

consent in early August.

Harford conceded yesterday
that succeeding Dalglish may
have been to accept a poisoned chalice. "Taking over
from Kenny was probably a
mistake in terms of my
correer" he said "But how career," he said. "But how could I turn down one of the ard Wilkinson.

Harford's assistant Tony
Parkes has been placed in that had qualified for the

is better to be the man who follows the man who followed Dalglish. I leave here with sadness but with no regrets. I just hope I am not going too late because the situation is bad. If the club achieves safety and survives, that will be success.

"It was a big decision and a lot of thought went into it," Harford said. "That result [on Tuesday), that performance, was the final straw.

'I have no criticism of the players but they have been playing with anxiety and with a lack of confidence. I have always tried to put the club first and maybe a change at the top will help," he added. The departure of Alan Shearer, to Newcastle United

for a world record £15 million shortly before the start of the season was a maior blow from which Blackburn have not

The England striker, who proved an instant success on Tyneside, was yesterday recovering from a successful groin operation. Original estimates were that he would be out of the game for six to eight weeks but Shearer said yesterday: "The right groin turned out to have exactly the same problem as the left one. so hopefully I will be back playing in five weeks or so."

rial career at Blackburn in 1979, as a player manager, before leaving two years later to ioin Everton, where he built a reputation as one of the most



has a clause in his contract at Sheffield, where he took over the First Division club last December, which permits him to hold negotiations with any Premiership club willing

At the time of his appointment the Bramall Lane club were staring relegation in the face but Kendall used his organisational skills to move them to within touching distance of a place in the end-ofseason play-offs.

He had proved to be similarly adept at retrieving seemingly lost causes during his 11 months in charge at Manchester City during the 1989-90 season.

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The vacuum left by a single fan



David Lacey

Harding, Chelsea's vice-chairman and principal benefactor, in Tuesday's helicopter crash is a brutal reminder of how fragile the benefits of a superfan can be. Chelsea are by no means the only club for whom the difference between pursuit of the big time and merely marking time has been the in-

volvement of one person. How would things have turned out at Blackburn Walker passed away after con-tributing an initial 21 million to the rebuilding of a stand at Ewood Park? Rovers may now be bottom of the Premiership and looking for a manager but at least they have tasted a glory that, pre-Walker, was an impossible dream and they are now playing in a modern stadium instead of a relic.

Brighton and Hove Albion, the \$2nd club in the League and due to become homeless at the end of the season, can trace their decline back to that sunny day in the early Eighties when a plane piloted by Keith Wickenden, the club's vice-chairman and an MP with important financial contacts, plunged into the River Adur near Shoreham

Airport. Jim Gregory, the uncut dia-mond who for many years owned Queens Park Rangers, was the ultimate superfan. Once, when QPR supporters started grumbling during a period of bad results, Gregory declared that he would be perfectly happy to sit in an empty ground to watch his beloved Rangers. It was a bad day for QPR when he sold up.

Harding's death has left Chelsea facing a period of uncertainty. The chairman Ken Bates's expertise in the jungle warfare of high finance and property rescued the club from the brink of bankruptcy and, with Harding as landlord

Chelsea's future at Stamford

Bridge appeared to be assured in perpetuity. Even now they have until December 2012 to buy the freehold.

Yet, when men of immense wealth, like Harding, or even men of other people's wealth, like Robert Maxwell, die incurentelly the completions. pectedly the complications are almost inevitably deep and lasting. In a normal company unravelling the deceased's es-tate can take months of work by lawyers and accountants. In a football club the situ-ation is further complicated by the fact that 11 outsiders will regularly be doing their best to make life even more difficult. Today, at the Bridge it is Tottenham's turn.

The immediate speculation about the completion of the building work at Stamford Bridge and the future financing of the club has at times been barely comprehensible and will matter less to supporters than what is to happen to the team now that Harding has gone.

Like the ground, Ruud
Guilit's Chelsea are in a state
of redevelopment and in
recent matches have been
open at one end. So far the
acquisition of Vialli, Di Matteo and Leboeuf has made the team more interesting without suggesting that Old Trafford, St James' Park or Anfield need look to their lau-rels. Sooner or later the vicechairman would have had to make yet more cash available

for new players.
Something precious died with Harding. His appeal among Chelses fans lay primarily in his visibility. Not for him the executive box behind darkened glass. His pre-match visits to a local pub, moreover, recalled an earlier, gentier age when dusty, musty old Stamford Bridge attracted foot

HATEVER happens to the Harding fortune, the passion which persuaded him to plough £26.5 million into Chelsea died on Tuesday night and cannot be replaced. He was the 89th st man in the kingdo Stamford Bridge would be for-tunate indeed if the erstwhile 90th was to be found in the King's Road this afternoon

at MacAcesti.

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humming Blue is the Colour. Somehow one gets the feeling that Chelses are just not that lucky. For them, as another of football's superfans has put it. this may be more a case of Goodbye Yellow Brick Road.

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1 Cinque port theatre showing "The Go-between"? (8-6) 2 Stew up front with rainstorm

Protector for Jewish quarter rather slow moving (9)

5 Contract in connection will Italian leader (6)

6,25 Unfinished work by journalist, a blow to the area (5.5) 7 Despicable character with tear flowing (7)

8 Productive enterprise: East German lady goes about

finding large plume (7,7)
15 Awfully frumious little name for a root of ... (5,4) 16 in the theatre it's always the

there's a lot of it about (7)

Cross about res rough work (8)



lan Malin

BATH, English rugby union's premier club for the last decade. are changing their name but it is all in the best posscons. Bath Football Club. their name since 1865, are now Bath Rugby, complete with updated, understated

Bath are anxious, in the new professional era, not to be confused with the city's Bath Rugby's big names, Robert Armstrong, page 23

new moniker like NEC Har- soccer club, currently lan- meanwhile, face possible lequins or Newcastle Fal- guishing at the foot of the elimination from the Hein-GM Vauxhall Conference. Bath Rugby's commercial director Stephen Hands said: 'The new logo symbolises something of the club's history, together

eken European Cup unless they beat France's Dax at the Recreation Ground today. Jon Callard will cap-tain Bath Rugby in the ab-

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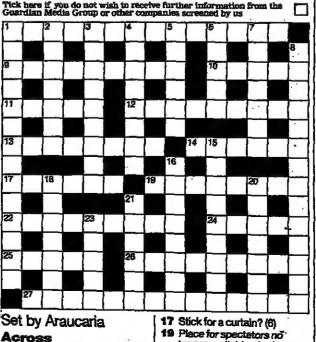
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